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Facts To
America

Major William Dwight Whitney, personal assistant to Mr. Averell Harriman, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the English-Speaking Union in London yesterday, made a strong plea for America to be given the facts.

They could then understand Britain's will to win, he added.

Major Whitney said that if the British expected decisive action from the Americans it was necessary to give them a full picture of the situation.

It was necessary before an attitude of expectancy might legitimately be assumed at all.—
Reuter.

SIR PAUL
LATHAM
SENTENCED

CAPTAIN SIR HERBERT PAUL LATHAM, AGED 36, FORMER M.P. FOR SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY, WHO WAS RECENTLY TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO BE CASHIERED AND IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT HARD LABOUR.

Capt. Latham, who was attached to the 70th Searchlight Regiment of the Royal Artillery, had been found guilty on 11 charges under the Army Act, 10 of them alleging disgraceful conduct of an improper kind while on active service and the eleventh attempted suicide.

Latham had pleaded not guilty to a total of 14 charges, on three of which he was found not guilty.—
Reuter.

AMERICANS
JOIN ARMY
IN CANADA

Ten thousand U.S. citizens are now serving in the Canadian Army.

This was revealed in Quebec yesterday by the Minister for National War Services, Mr. J. T. Thorson.

He added that Americans make up eight per cent. of all air crews, pilots, observers and gunners training under the Com-

Conflict Of View
In TurkeyBAYONET CHARGE
ON LENINGRAD
FRONT

The Germans have been driven back seven miles after a Russian bayonet charge on one sector of the Leningrad front, says the official Russian news agency quoted by Reuter.

Pudding
Mail

One hundred soldiers have been loaned to the Army Post Office to cope with the enormous last-minute rush of Christmas postings to the forces in the Middle East, India and Malaya.

A large number of army lorries have been requisitioned to ensure that the gigantic mail reaches the ships in time.

Latest figures of Christmas postings show more than 2,000,000 letters and cards and 250,000 parcels, many bearing the label "Not to be opened until Christmas Day."

Sixty per cent. contain puddings and cakes and at the Army Post Office the whole consignment is known as the "pudding mail." — Reuter.

IRAN'S BREAK WITH
THE AXIS

The Iranian Government has recalled its diplomatic representatives from Germany, Italy and Rumania, says Reuter from Teheran.

monwealth Air Training Scheme, while 600 Americans were acting as instructors at training centres.

Mr. Thorson said the strength of Canada's active service army to-day numbers 30,000 men.—
Reuter.

TRAVELLERS REACHING ANKARA REPORT THAT VERY ACTIVE MILITARY PREPARATIONS CONTINUE IN BULGARIA AND THAT THE GERMANS ARE TAKING OVER THE BULGARIAN RAILWAYS FOR THEIR OWN USE.

All foreigners in Bulgaria, it is reported, are closely watched by the police. The staffs of the Soviet Legation and consulates are unable to leave the premises without being watched by Gestapo agents.

There are at present only four Soviet women in Bulgaria.

In Ankara diplomatic circles' opinions are divided regarding German activities in Bulgaria. Some observers take the view that they are intended to facilitate an attack by sea against the Caucasus.

OTHERS SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BRING PRESSURE ON TURKEY ONCE THE GERMANS HAVE REACHED THE CAUCASUS.

A third group is of opinion that their aim is to bring pressure to bear on Turkey to obtain the passage of warships through the Dardanelles and, eventually, the transit of their troops through Turkey.

Not Immediate

The Turks stress, however, that they do not consider the present developments in Bulgaria to be on a sufficiently large scale to constitute a threat to this country.

Yet a fourth group considers that German activities in Bulgaria aim at obtaining entire control of the country in order to make it a base for operations against either Russia or Turkey.—
Reuter.

FIGHTING
A COMMON
BATTLE

"FROM THE MOMENT RUSSIA CAME INTO THE WAR WE HAVE BEEN DOING OUR BEST TO SEND HELP IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY," DECLARED MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT A LUNCHEON ORGANISED BY EX-OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL TANK REGIMENT.

"We are fighting a common battle and obviously it is commonsense and right that we should do our utmost to support our Allies in every way."

Mr. Attlee added: "We shall beat the Germans with our tanks not only because of the skill and courage of our men but because of the skill, inventiveness and devotion of our engineers." —
Reuter.

British
Advance
at Tobruk

Yesterday's Cairo G.H.Q. communique announced that the British forces at Tobruk are steadily penetrating beyond the perimeter defences.

The communique stated: "As a result of their victorious patrolling activities our forces at Tobruk are steadily enlarging the area outside our perimeter defences which the enemy is forced nightly to evacuate."

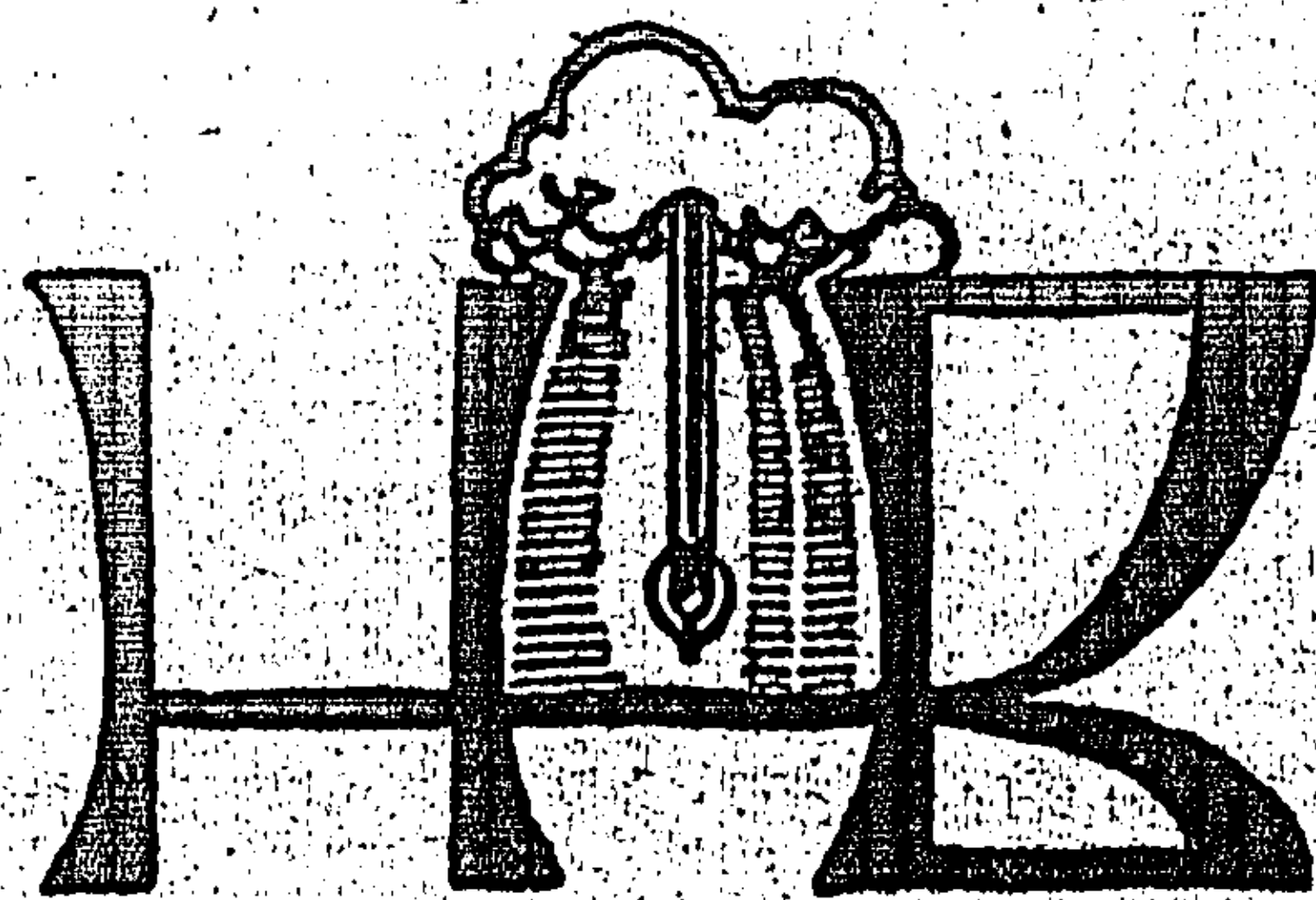
"In the frontier area aggressive action by our patrols is continuing." —
Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL
LUNCHES AT PALACE

Mr. Churchill, who was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, remained to lunch. The King also received Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States. —
Reuter.

policy now to extend aid to Russia through the Lease-Lend programme but he emphasised that in view of the uncertainty of the future any restrictive provisions would be especially undesirable.—
Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Russians Fighting Hard To Evade Kiev Encirclement

Substantial Force Withdrawn

(Military Commentary by "Annalist")

DESPITE THE MOUNTING GERMAN CLAIMS REGARDING THEIR SUCCESSES AT KIEV THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT MARSHAL BUDENNY WITHDREW A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF HIS FORCES AND THOSE THREATENED WITH ENCIRCLEMENT ARE STILL FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESCAPE.

The Germans admit this resistance but allege that an increasing tendency towards disintegration is becoming apparent.

PLOUGH TO BOMBER

While motoring along a winding lane, past fishing streams, woods and dairy farms, you may suddenly come to a wide stretch of land, brown, desolate and flat. You knew this place a year ago. Then there were fields of turnips, corn and mustard, divided by ditches, hedgerows, high clumps of beeches and patches of gorse. That pastoral scene has been changing into an aerodrome since you last saw it.

In many parts of the British Isles country people have watched their fields going the same way.

After the blue prints stage, every tree is removed, roots and all, by tractors with wire hawsers. The hedgerows are wrenched from the ground, and any obstructions left are blasted out with explosives. Ditches are cleared and pipes laid down and covered with gravel to connect the main system of drainage. Ponds and hollows are filled in. Huts are erected for the workmen. Diesel-driven shovels excavate the ground and bulldozers push it about. When this is done the land is more or less level.

Workmen then haul ploughing disks over the broken earth and chains and harrows to make a smooth surface.

The last polish comes when blade-graders, long straight-edged knives, plane down the earth. Even when no gradient is more than one in sixty the land is still not level enough for every day use.

Runways of tarmac or concrete criss-cross and encircle the landing ground, but elsewhere the land is still crumbly and soft, and wiry grass is needed to blind it.

Gradually new landmarks appear on the sky-line. Cranes are lifting girders into place; soon the first hangars are raised. Water pipes are put down. Telephone lines are laid.

Until now the aerodrome has been in the hands of a department known throughout the R.A.F. as "Works and Bricks," represented by a civilian resident engineer, who through contractors constructs the aerodrome and its buildings. As the first crop of charcoal and gorse comes up with the grass and buildings become habitable the R.A.F. takes over. The first man in R.A.F. uniform to arrive on the station is the Equipment Officer—for some obscure reason known as the "Jeep." It is his job to get stores and petrol.

Soon cooks and butchers, fitters and photographers, firemen and armament officers, come along.

As the succeeding crop of thistles is scythed down on the landing ground, more and more tractors, caterpillars and trailers arrive, as well as fire tenders, crash apparatus, ambulance, and ration vans.

At each bomber station there must be a level area, a full bomb dump, and full petrol tanks. A fore there are any comforts for hundred other things are needed, them.

It is perhaps unkind to remind them that they made a similar allegation just eight weeks ago and the disintegration has proved to exist only in their imagination.

Similarly stories of Soviet officers and political commissars abandoning their men can be taken as wishful thinking.

All evidence received from the Russian front has shown the splendid morale of the Russian soldiers and the remarkable comradeship between officers and men which had not proved subversive to discipline.

Although the situation east of Kiev is admittedly confused, thus giving German propaganda an opportunity to exercise its inventive genius, news from Leningrad and Odessa is more clear-cut and distinctly more favourable.

Appalling Losses

Appalling losses have been inflicted upon the German attackers and the Russians have actually gained ground in counter-attacks.

The slaughter among German officers has been particularly heavy, and confirmation of this fact has been found in the captured diary of a Nazi officer of the 93rd Division.

THE WEATHER SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN IN THE LENINGRAD AREA AND THE NIGHTS ARE INTENSELY COLD. RAINS AND MIST ARE IMPEDING OPERATIONS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEFENCE.

In the extreme south, at Odessa, a number of unsuccessful attacks have been severely punished by the Russian defenders and it is reported the Rumanians have had to be stiffened with German reinforcements.

Severe Mauling

In the central sector successful Russian counter-attacks are reported in the neighbourhood of Glukhov, where one of the pincer arms of Marshal von Bock's troops beyond Gomel has been severely mauled.

At Smolensk, too, the initiative is still with Marshal Timoshenko, although it may be expected the Germans will now devote more of their attention to this sector, where they have been driven back as much as 30 miles in places.

After 92 days of violent battle the Russians are still fighting strongly and the only one of their main objectives captured by the Germans is Kiev, the least important militarily and strategically compared with Leningrad or Moscow.—Reuter.

such as parachute stores, crew rooms, an operations room, lubricant stores, and a maps room. But with level ground, petrol for power, and bombs for ammunition, the aerodrome is ready for use. The squadrons of aircraft arrive with their crews long before there are any comforts for them.

WINTER CAMPAIGN

DESCRIBING GERMANY'S PREPARATIONS FOR A WINTER CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA, THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY STRESSED THEIR EFFECT ON THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR CIVILIAN USE.

The correspondent stated that shops selling furs, boots, clothing, overcoats, woollen goods and body and bed linen lack materials containing natural products.

Leather goods have been practically unobtainable for a year.—Reuter.

NAZIS IMPRESSED BY LENINGRAD DEFENCE SYSTEM

THE SUPERIORITY of the Leningrad defence system compared to the Maginot Line, both as regards the number of fortifications and their adaptation to the swampy terrain, is admitted in the German "Militaerische Korrespondenz und Deutschland."

It says: "The French fought with traditional bravery but without the deep political conviction which makes the Russians more stubborn and is causing heavy losses."

It says the Russian defences have proved "extraordinarily severe obstacles" consisting of huge tank traps and rows—often 10 or 12 miles deep—of pine trunks rammed several yards into the earth, as well as pine trees cut down a yard above

the ground, concrete pyramids and barbed wire.

Garrisons were able to occupy the great ring of forts immediately the squads of civil workers had finished their construction, it adds.

The forts are fully protected against all but the heaviest bombs and shells.

Tribute is also paid to the garrisons formed by Leningrad factory workers which "have proved excellent" despite their very short training.

AIR ATTACKS ARE OF LITTLE USE IN THESE SECTORS, THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES.—REUTER.

REST CURE FOR TIRED AIRMEN

A contented group of airmen sprawl on the deck of a luxurious house-boat, watching a felluca, with its graceful towering sail, glide serenely past them on the placid Nile. Only two or three days ago they were with their squadrons among the choking dust and sandstorms of the desert. To-day they are unbelievably at peace, beside the green fields and still waters.

The houseboat is part of the magnificent effort which the Gezira Club in Cairo is making on behalf of British soldiers and airmen. Moored alongside Gezira Island, it has accommodation for 30 airmen and 30 soldiers in its handsome cabins. The occupants are put up for seven days, free of charge, after a spell of Libyan warfare, the change is heavenly to tired men.

Although the boat is called the "Puritan" there is a bar aboard, as well as baths, reading rooms and practically every other amenity which Libya hasn't got.

The Club runs a pension in Cairo on the same lines. It has, in addition, set aside one of its polo grounds for hockey, football and cricket pitches for the troops.

VON PAPEN RETURNS TO TURKEY

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, arrived back in Turkey by air yesterday from his visit to Germany, according to an Istanbul telegram to Berlin.

Von Papen proceeded to the summer residence of the German Embassy at Therapia, the telegram adds.—Reuter.

AIRMEN DEER STALKERS

HUNTING FOR THE POT, AS A CHANGE FROM HUNTING ITALIANS, IS THE FAVOURITE SPORT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE SQUADRON, STATIONED IN THE SUDAN. TWO OR THREE PICKED SHOTS, LED BY THE MAJOR IN CHARGE OF THE SQUADRON, TAKE A TRUCK INTO THE BUSH ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK TO HUNT THE LOCAL DEER.

"I went with them the other day" said a visitor, "and very exciting it was. Standing in the open truck, we pushed slowly through the bush, until one of the South Africans nudged me and said, 'There they are.'"

"They must have eyes like hawks, for I could see nothing at all at first. A moment later I saw seven deer running away over the scrub. The young fighter pilot at the wheel of the lorry, steered in and out through the thorn bushes and in and out of ditches, keeping level with but not getting any nearer to the deer. 'We want to give them some chance,' said the Major.

"Standing in the lorry was a feat in itself, but the Major, perhaps using fighter aircraft technique, brought down a fine buck with a clean shot through the neck from about 300 yards.

"Enemy aircraft must dodge quickly out of the way of marksmen like these."

BAG 45 FOXES NEAR LONDON

Forty-five foxes have been shot within twelve miles of Charing Cross by members and staff of Coulsdon and Purley Council (Surrey).

Twenty-eight were killed in Selsdon Woods, well-known Surrey beauty spot.

Since hunting was stopped, foxes have been steadily encroaching on the district and poultry farmers protested to the Purley and Coulsdon Council.

Mr. G. A. Ballard, surveyor to the council, said: "I know the county hunting fraternity would not approve of what is being done, but one fox alone killed thirty-one chickens in a night."

"There is an old black fox with a white-tipped tail who seems to be the grandfather of most of the foxes in the district. 'He has been too cute for us so far.'"

Stung By Wasp He Still Sat

A WASP STING nearly spoilt the chance of a nineteen-year-old prefect of Douglas High School sitting for a vital examination.

Walter Callister had been accepted as a student at Manchester University to train for the teaching profession, provided he obtained higher school certificate.

Working in the garden on the eve of the examination, Walter was stung on the back of the right hand by a wasp.

At once the hand began to swell, and was still bandaged and unusable next morning when he reached the school.

He saw no hope of taking the vital physics paper due to be sat in the afternoon.

The headmaster, Mr. A. H. Sykes, was determined that all the hard work which the youth had put into his preparation should not be sacrificed without an effort.

He put through a long-distance call to the secretary of the Joint

Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities, asking if the paper could be postponed for the Manx candidates.

He Got His Chance

The secretary was sympathetic, but sorry it couldn't be done. But in the exceptional circumstances, he said, the board would be prepared to allow the boy to dictate the paper.

The suggestion was eagerly accepted and that afternoon a form master wrote to the scholar's dictation and Walter got his chance.

REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT

Crippling, Asserts Col. Knox Battleship For Atlantic Sweep

AFTER WATCHING THE HUGE NEW 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP "MASSACHUSETTS" LAUNCHED BEFORE A THOUSAND CHEERING PEOPLE YESTERDAY MORNING, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, DECLARED THE NEUTRALITY ACT IS "CRIPPLING" THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTRY AND SAID IT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPEALED.

"There should be no handicap on those trying to keep the war away from these shores," Col. Knox said. "We must waste no time in repealing the Neutrality Act."

The "Massachusetts" was launched without incident and even before her bow touched the water the keel for a new cruiser, the U.S.S. Flint, was laid on the spot she had just vacated.

Sea Power

Declaring that if American security was to be maintained the United States must "rely for years to come on the dominance of sea power," Col. Knox added "It is essential that aid should be sent when and where it is needed."

"Our task is to keep the fighting away from America. Let us free the hands of our Commander-in-Chief," (President Roosevelt).

Col. Knox asserted that recent events on the Russian front "made the prospects of Russian victory dim."

He need not elaborate on this statement except to say that casualties in Russia were greater than in any other conflict in history, and that the fighting in Russia "has a direct bearing on our own situation."

For Atlantic Duty

Col. Knox said it was possible the battleship just launched might have to "participate in another fight for human liberty."

He declared that the "Massachusetts" and other ships recently launched or building would carry the heaviest guns afloat and would participate in the job handed over to the Navy. "Of seeing that the sea lanes between America and Britain are kept free."

Repeal of the Neutrality Act was also advocated yesterday by Mr. John Green, President of the Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America.

No Turning Back

Speaking at the Union's National Convention at Atlantic City, he said: "We support President Roosevelt's foreign policy."

"We agree with his pronouncements. We agree with the eight-point programme. President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill gave the world, and we agree with his actions to implement these pronouncements, and we say there is no turning back."

"If the Neutrality Act is in the way let it be wiped off the Statute Books," — Reuter.

ARMING U.S. MERCHANT SHIPPING

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that the Administration is studying the question of arming American merchant ships, says Reuter from Washington.

FINNS MEET WITH SHARP REVERSE AT MAKESYACH

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

FOUR BATTALIONS of Finns have been forced out of fortified positions in the neighbourhood of Makesyach and a large number killed, according to the Soviet army organ "Red Star" yesterday.

The Finns had established themselves in trenches and machine-gun nests, put down field mines and made full use of the terrain, which is broken country with woods and marshes and stretches of poor soil, with large granite boulders.

LITTLE OLD WOMAN—AGED 13

Clasping her hands in front of her, 13-year-old Betty stood in Swansea Juvenile Court and listened to the justices discuss a future in which she is to have a new home and "parents" who will give her love and happiness.

She was charged with stealing a £1 note from a neighbour's home.

Betty had told a big policeman, "For two months I have been keeping house for my father, brother and two sisters. One of them is paralysed."

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"I get up at 5.30 every morning to get my father's food."

"He gives me half a crown now and again during the week to get food for the family and complaining for girls."

After lengthy scouting of the enemy positions the Soviet troops made a feint attack in front while the main force attacked from the flank and ejected the Finns from a series of positions.

The "Red Star" also declares that two regiments of the 102nd German Infantry Division have been defeated, two battalions being completely smashed, in fighting near a place described by the initial "I" on the north-western sector of the front, which the enemy had seized.

The Soviet troops, says the newspaper, advanced under artillery cover and engaged the enemy with bayonets. The engagement developed into a larger battle, resulting in the throwing back of two German regiments. — Reuter.

when he cannot get the food and tobacco he needs.

"I cannot get much food for half a crown, but I make a list to show him how the money is spent."

Betty, who was described by the justices' clerk as a "little old woman of 13," said "her father threw her out into the road one night and she was given a bed by neighbours."

Betty was accompanied in court by two women neighbours, who kissed her when the justices adjourned the case for a week and arranged for her to go to a shelter for girls.

THIRD OF GERMAN ARMY CLAIMED HORS-DE-COMBAT

SPEAKING IN LONDON yesterday the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, said that at a moderate estimate German losses in the east were some 3,000,000 killed, wounded and missing, and in three months the number of planes destroyed was something like 8,500. About one-third of the entire German army was now hors-de-combat.

Russia was not fighting for herself alone but for the security and freedom of other nations, declared M. Maisky, adding "The fate of humanity for many generations to come is being decided around Leningrad and in the Ukraine."

There was no doubt that Hitler's original plan had been upset and the blitzkrieg had failed miserably. German losses were colossal and the figures issued by the German Command a few days ago could be considered utterly ridiculous.

M. Maisky gave the Russian estimate of German losses but added nevertheless "hard facts" proved the German war machine was still strong and Russia was facing an immensely difficult situation.

Too much reliance should not be placed on such uncertainties as "General Winter" and "General Mud."

With the modern technique of war these factors had been considerably minimised and by now perhaps "General Winter" had been reduced to Colonel and "General Mud" to Major or Lieutenant.

No Standstill

The war on the eastern front would not be at a standstill either in the autumn or winter and the Soviet people did not base their views on such a doubtful calculation.

Russia too had suffered heavy losses. The enemy had occupied important industrial districts and the Russians had been obliged to evacuate a large number of factories and plants and some time must elapse before they could start again on new sites.

That made it more difficult for Russia to replace losses in material and it was at this juncture that the other freedom-loving nations must step into the breach.

Right To Expect

"The Soviet people," he declared, "have the right to expect that cooperation, as they are fighting heroically — men, women and even children — not only for themselves but for the freedom and security of other countries."

"All these other countries cannot but realise that in sending aeroplanes and tanks to the Soviet Union they are in fact rendering aid to themselves." — Reuter.

POLES PAY OFF OLD SCORES

"Wszystkie Pójazdy Wlewo. All vehicles turn to the left." This notice stands beside a traffic roundabout at the entrance to an R.A.F. Bomber Station. The first three words are not a nightmare anagram; they are Polish.

For twelve months the Polish pilots at this station have been repaying the Germans in their own coin for what they did to Poland. Their steady bombing has been consistently deadly and fearless.

Most Polish airmen are pretty fluent in English by now but the Polish notices, lessening the chances of mistakes, besides making the Poles feel more at home, it is only the visitor who gets a momentary feeling that he has strayed from Britain. Very soon, as he goes about the station, he realises that to those who live and work there, this is a bit of Poland. He sees in the far corner of a hangar a knot of fitters and riggers busy about an aircraft. Only when he hears them talking does he discover they are not as British as their blue overalls. They are part of the Polish ground staff, which forms a large part of the personnel. The Group Captain commanding the station is British; his aircrews and maintenance crews are entirely Polish.

The Poles are first-rate craftsmen. Not long ago a certain part was required for an aircraft. To obtain the part from the factory would entail delay. On the other hand, the part could only be made with a special tool, and there was no such tool on the station. The Poles have something of the impatience of the amateur carpenter with shop-bought woodwork and they were determined that no time should be lost. So, having gained official approval, they made the tool first and then they made the part.

Polish bomber crews have but one idea — to drop bombs on Germany. Polish ground staff have one idea — to see that the aeroplanes and tanks to the Soviet Union they are in fact rendering aid to themselves. — Reuter.

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BIG IMPROVEMENT ON THE FOOD FRONT IN BRITAIN

NEW IMPROVEMENTS IN BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.

The price of a 4-lb. white loaf of bread will, with certain small exceptions, be reduced from 8½d. to 8d. from October 6.

The Ministry also announced that the U.S. is sending a million cases of canned salmon under the Lease-Lend facilities while Canada is also sending one million cases.

This, with considerably increased imports of canned pilchards and herrings, will mean that during the third year of war the available supply of canned fish will exceed even that of pre-war years.

Controlled prices of several kinds of fresh fish are now being reduced.

The Ministry spokesman said that while it was not desirable to reveal total imports of foodstuffs from the U.S. it could be said the U.S. will be sending 255 million lbs. of cheese.

Changing Methods

The U.S. and the Dominions, he said, were changing their agricultural methods to suit British requirements. Thus New Zealand was changing from butter to cheese-making and Australia was making similar efforts, while Canada had undertaken to increase fourfold her export of bacon.

The spokesman further indicated that the Ministries of Food and Health are considering additional measures to control the price and quality of substitutes for eggs and various fruits in order to secure quality and prevent fraud.—Reuter.

SOLDIER LOVES HIS PET LIONS

Five lions and lionesses roared a welcome to Private Sidney Howes, of the R.A.S.C. when he visited them on the first day of his leave.

The lions are in big iron cages in a field at Bromyard, Worcestershire, and Howes, an ex-lion tamer, had not seen them since he joined the Army three months ago.

When he walked into the field he shouted to the lions in German. They recognised him at once, and fought to lick his hands as he stroked them and called them each by name.

Leading two lions — Pasha and Olaf — from their circus box into an iron cage, Howes stayed with them for nearly an hour.

At his command they sprang on to boxes, sat on their hind legs and stroked him with their paws.

Howes then stepped into the cage with three sister lionesses—Addis, Baby and Victoria.

"After The Missus"

"After the missus and the two kiddies the lions come next," Howes, who is 31, told the "Daily Mirror."

"I have been taming lions since I was a boy. I have known these lions for six years. The war held up our circus and I was called up."

"In my Army medical records my distinguishing marks have been put down as scars on my back that I received from a lion."

"A German lion tamer taught me my job, and that is why I still talk to the lions in German."

2,000 FLYING HOURS WITHOUT ACCIDENT

A COASTAL COMMAND SQUADRON HAS THE ENVIABLE RECORD OF TWO THOUSAND HOURS OF OPERATIONAL FLYING IN THREE MONTHS WITHOUT A SINGLE ACCIDENT.

Much of this flying was done by night, and in adverse weather and the intense cold and snow storms early this year.

During these months the aircraft of the squadron have provided escort and protection to many convoys and have intercepted several enemy aircraft attempting to bomb British and Allied vessels in the Atlantic.

MAN FINED £8,000

A fine of £8,000 was imposed at Bow Street on Louis Abramovitch, merchant, of Park Road, Southport, said to be trading in Manchester, for failing to offer 17,500 U.S. dollars (present value about £4,400) for sale to the Treasury.

Mr. A. Lawson-Walton, prosecuting, said that on September 1, 1939, after the Defence (Finance) Regulations had been published, the dollars, with other money, were transferred by a trust deed in favour of a relative in New York.

There was no consideration for the transfer, and the deed was revocable by Abramovitch's brother, Jack who was then in Canada.

Cleverly Organised

It was suggested that this was a scheme cleverly organised to keep the money out of Britain. Mr. Henry Burton, defending said that Abramovitch and his brother had been in partnership in Manchester.

Matters did not proceed happily, and the brother went to America intending to start another business there on his own account.

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GENERAL DE GAULLE SETS UP NATIONAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL DE GAULLE, head of the Free French forces, announced yesterday the formation of a Free French National Committee to act as trustees for France until a constitutionally representative Government is established.

Announcing the committee General de Gaulle said it would be a matter for the United States and other nations to decide whether the new Committee would be recognised instead of the Vichy Government.

Dealing with the Free French delegation of the national interest, which would be handed over to the national representative when that was possible — the necessity of decentralisation and the Defence Council in its modest way had met the same need, recognised by the British Government when they sent Mr. Duff-Cooper to Singapore.

General de Gaulle added: "I would like to make clear our position regarding the constitution and laws of the French Republic. That constitution and those laws have been violated first by the invader and then every day by the accomplices of the invader at Vichy."

"THE FREE FRENCH RECOGNISE NONE OF THOSE VIOLATIONS."

Hence the Free French, he added, were obliged to exercise de facto authority, tantamount to

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THE GREEK MINISTER IN LONDON, M. SIMOPOULOS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

He will retain his duties as Greek Minister. M. Andrew Michalopoulos, President of the Anglo-Hellenic League in Athens, has been appointed Under-Secretary for the Press in the Government.—Reuter.

WAR BIRDS OF THE R.A.F.

The "War Birds of the Royal Air Force" have their headquarters on Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. There are 150 of them—business and professional men who were once pilots and observers in the R.A.F. Many are again actively engaged with the R.A.F. or the United States Air Corps.

The recent exploits of the All-American "Eagle" Squadron of the R.A.F. over France gives fresh point to a resolution passed by the War Birds at their last annual reunion at Detroit. The resolution states:—

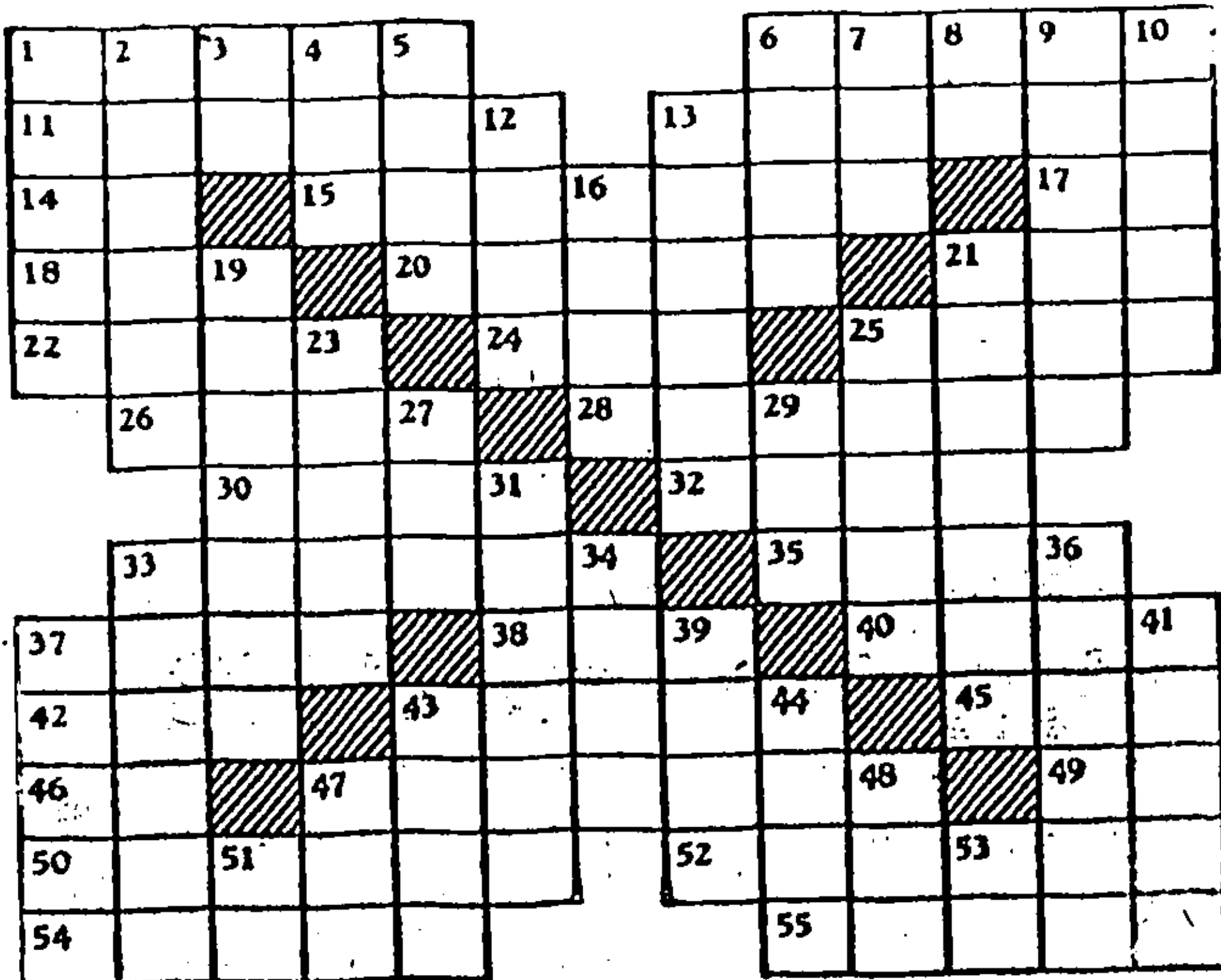
"It is meet and fitting that we, War Birds of the Royal Air Force, assembled at Detroit, Michigan, United States of America, with full knowledge of the glorious achievements in the World War of 1914-18 of the British Empire, the United States of America and Allied countries in their fight for the democratic ideals of a world menaced by war lords, should record our sincere admiration for the personnel of the Royal Air Force for upholding so magnificently our old standards in the high adventure in which they again find themselves arrayed against the forces of destruction made up of totalitarian dictatorships.

"We fully and unreservedly pledge our honour to uphold by all means within our power the ideals of American democracy for which our common forbears died that we might live as free men, and pray that the British Empire, by the Grace of God, shall prevail as the saviour of ravaged countries, that freedom and liberty of all peoples may be perpetuated."

A parchment scroll, bearing the winged emblem and seal of the association was inscribed with the resolution and signed by the members. It was addressed to: Commander, Royal Air Force, Air Ministry, London, England.

The scroll has now been safely delivered after its long voyage. It was accompanied by a letter, which read: "We daily view with intense admiration the reports of the magnificent exploits of present members of the Royal Air Force in their unequal struggle with the enemies of free people, and have complete confidence that their herculean efforts will be rewarded with ultimate victory."

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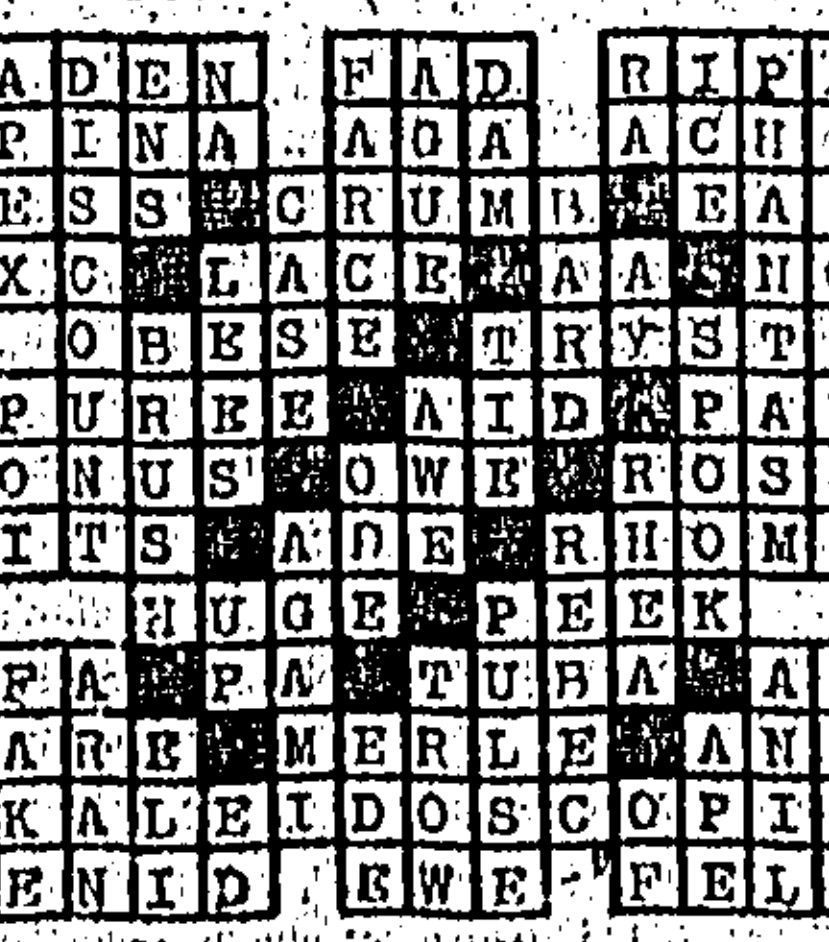
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- 6 Coronet
- 11 Agreeable
- 13 Additional
- 14 Half an em
- 15 Pertaining to a bull
- 17 Symbol for nickel
- 18 Ovum
- 20 Beast of burden
- 21 Gone by
- 22 To dissolve
- 24 Silkworm
- 25 To originate
- 26 Sorn
- 28 Ancestors
- 30 Degree
- 32 Therefore
- 33 Tortified
- 35 Snappish
- 37 Cry of the Bacchanals
- 38 Bitter vetch
- 40 Ostrichlike bird
- 42 Marble game
- 43 Demolishes
- 45 Affirmative
- 46 Mulberry
- 47 Pollwog

VERTICAL

- 1 To take away
- 2 Craving
- 3 Spanish article
- 4 Division of a play
- 5 To distribute
- 6 Food fish
- 7 Wrath
- 8 Preposition
- 9 Cookstoves
- 10 Precept
- 12 Large bulrush
- 13 Comparison
- 16 Unusual
- 19 City in Scotland
- 21 To waste away
- 23 Church tax
- 25 Roll of tobacco (var.)
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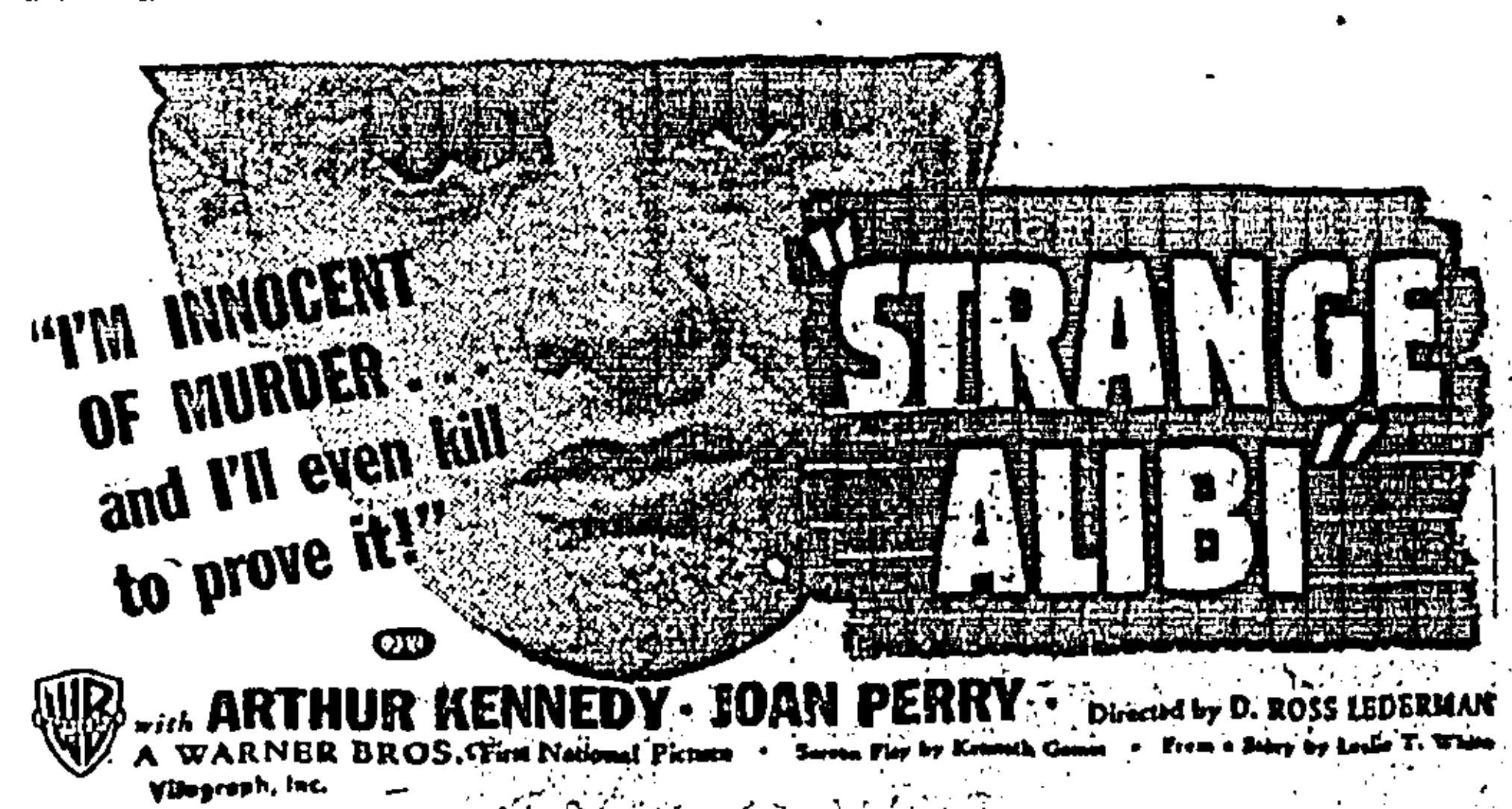
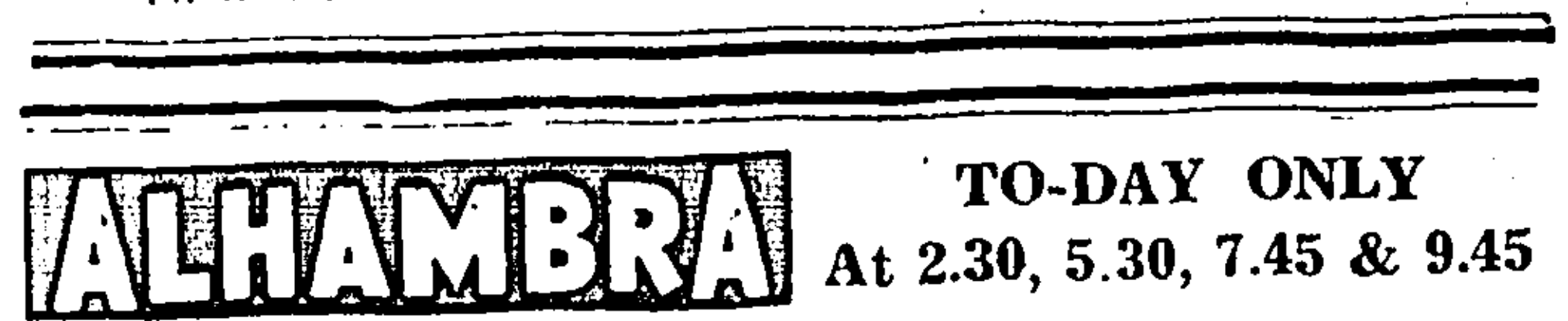


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UNREST FAILS TO STIR MARSHAL PETAIN FROM COURSE

(By John Elliott)

SPEAKING BEFORE the National Council at Royat, Marshal Henri Petain expressed confidence that his "national revolution will triumph for the greater good of France, Europe and the world." He did not say on what grounds his certitude was based.

But in the memorable broadcast the octogenarian Chief of State delivered to his countrymen, he admitted that after a year's trial the "national revolution" has not been a howling success.

In a pessimistic survey of the situation, he candidly admitted the undeniable truth that "uneasiness is prevailing in men's minds and doubts are assailing their souls. The authority of my government is questioned and its orders are often badly executed."

Not Budged From Course

Nevertheless, the marshal proposes to proceed unflinchingly on his course. Telling the Americans that France's parliamentary democracy is dead, he strikes at the pillars of the Third Republic—the Parliament, the political parties and the Free Masons.

Although the mandate of the Chamber does not expire by law until the spring of 1942, the salaries of the Deputies are being eliminated from October 1. The cards entitling the Senators and Deputies to free transportation on the railroads have been revoked. The last vestiges of parliamentarism soon will be removed from Vichy, now that notice has been given that the offices of the two assemblies must be transferred to Mont Dore, a hundred kilometres away from the provisional seat of the government.

The role of the Free Masons has been exaggerated greatly and the secret societies were never all-powerful, according to the Royalist historian, Jacques Bainville.

Nevertheless, the Masonic orders always have been the "bête noire" to the foes of the French Republic, as the readers of Anatole France's series and M. Jean-Gaston-Adrien Bergeret's novels, after forty years still the best introduction into French politics, well know. Accordingly the former dignitaries of the secret societies, like the Jews, are barred from public employment, and lest anybody should have any doubt as to their identity their names and titles are being published these days in "Le Journal Officiel."

Political Meetings Banned

France has still the "instinct of liberty," Petain informs the Americans, but it obviously is not liberty in the usual sense of the term. For in the same speech Petain proclaims the suppression of all political activities in the unoccupied zone until further notice. The political parties are being put under ban—temporarily, so it is said—and political meetings, whether public or private, are proscribed. The press has been under censorship since the outbreak of the war, and now in addition comes the prohibition of the distribution of tracts. So the free expression of opinion in France is curbed effectively.

"Authority no longer comes from below," Petain tells his compatriots. But he does not enlighten them whence it will be issued.

Does not his own authority, resting on the vote of the National Assembly, the elected representatives of the people, derive indirectly from the masses, i.e. from below? Universal suffrage, Petain has indicated, is to be abolished by the new constitution now being drafted. But there is no word as to what is to be the source of authority in the "New France." If France is to turn her back on the teachings of her own Jean-Jacques Rousseau, on what basis is the power of the chief executive henceforth to rest? The kings of France ruled on the theory of

divine right. Are the future chiefs of the French State also to be regarded as the Lord's anointed?

Tradition Revived On Oath

While silent on this moot point, Petain clearly reveals his preferences for certain ways of the ancient regime. His revival of the custom of the kings of France in sitting amid the Council of State to hear their oath of allegiance is proof of that. Indeed, the restoration of the practice of making the government officials give an oath of allegiance to the person of the chief of state, as required by the constitutional acts promulgated recently, is a reversion to the practices of the Middle Ages.

Petaim, too, has made it clear that the will of the people is no longer paramount in France. In his broadcast the marshal complained that public opinion had been "neither always favourable nor always equitable" to Admiral Jean Darlan.

In a parliament susceptible to current public feelings, there would be little doubt that Darlan would be swept out of office as Prime Minister. But Petain in the same broadcast announced his decision to promote Darlan, making him supreme commander of all the armed services of the state. Is this advancement of the chief artisan in the cause of Franco-German collaboration a prelude to further developments in the field of foreign relations?

In adhering to the policy of collaboration, unpalatable as it is to large numbers of Frenchmen, Marshal Petain has given fresh evidence that he intends to lead not to follow, public opinion. The occupation of three-fifths of the country by the Germans, their virtual annexation of Alsace Lorraine and, as the marshal justly remarked, "the heavy heritage bequeathed by centuries of dissensions and quarrels" between the two countries do not lighten Darlan's task in seeking to carry out the policy inaugurated by Pierre Laval.

Is Aware Of Own Isolation

The marshal, however, is not unmindful of his isolation from the masses. In his broadcast he declared: "France can only be governed with an assent of opinion—an assent more necessary than ever in a regime of authority."

But the difficult problem of establishing a permanent contact between the government and the people is one that so far has eluded solution. Petain has repudiated the one-big-party idea, so dear to the heart of Marcel Deat, who would create in this country an equivalent of Hitler's National Socialist and Mussolini's Fascist parties. But, as the marshal says, his regime is authoritarian, but not totalitarian, and the one-big-party idea smacks a little too much of the discarded democracy to meet his favour.

Several Experiments

Petaim has made several experiments without finding what he wants. The project of a national council to supersede the old Parliament has been abandoned.

A plan to set up a propaganda organisation to be called National Rally Group died still-born, and

HE BEAT FLAMES AMID BULLETS

An officer and two N.C.O.s, who risked death among a hail of exploding cartridges to put out a fire in a cave used as an ammunition depot at Masara, Egypt, have each won the George Medal.

The awards were announced in "London Gazette."

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Francis Vittery Platel, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, organised and led rescue and fire-fighting party when an explosion occurred in a gallery of the cave, killing and wounding about ten of the staff.

While cartridges were exploding in all directions they fought and extinguished the fires.

But for Lieutenant Platel's action the fire must have caused a major explosion.

DID NOT KNOW SHE HAD BEEN SHOT IN HEAD

Several hours after she had felt a sharp blow on the back of her head Mrs. Margaret Clark, of Hawthorn, found that she had been shot, says an Adelaide message.

Mrs. Clark was working in her backyard when she heard a noise like an electric light globe bursting, and felt a pain in the back of her head.

Hours later, worried over a persistent headache, Mrs. Clark visited a doctor.

An X-ray examination revealed that a bullet was lodged in her head.

An operation was performed immediately and the bullet removed.

A bullet fired at a rat in a neighbouring home is believed to have ricocheted off a stone and struck Mrs. Clark.

A young man who lives next door told the police that he fired at a rat about the time Mrs. Clark was struck.

560 TANKS NEED 44 SHIPS

A convoy of 44 ships is needed to transport 560 of the powerful new Chrysler 32-ton tanks, the columnists Pearson and Allen reveal.

Chrysler's will soon be producing 450 of these giants each month.

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the leader of the proposed pro-Petaim organisation, Jean-Louis Tixier-Vignancourt, by the irony of events now is gaoled for making insulting remarks in public about the marshal. The latest essay in this direction has been made with the legion of war veterans, but Petain's rather disparaging reference to it in his broadcast, saying it could fulfill its purpose of being the instrument of the national revolution only by remaining subordinate to the government in all its branches, suggests this organisation, too, is not filling the bill.

In this turning point of the national revolution, Petain has called for a showdown on the part of his officials. "You must say where you stand," he told them, demanding they take the oath of allegiance to him. "You are either for me or against me."

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ENCIRCLEMENT

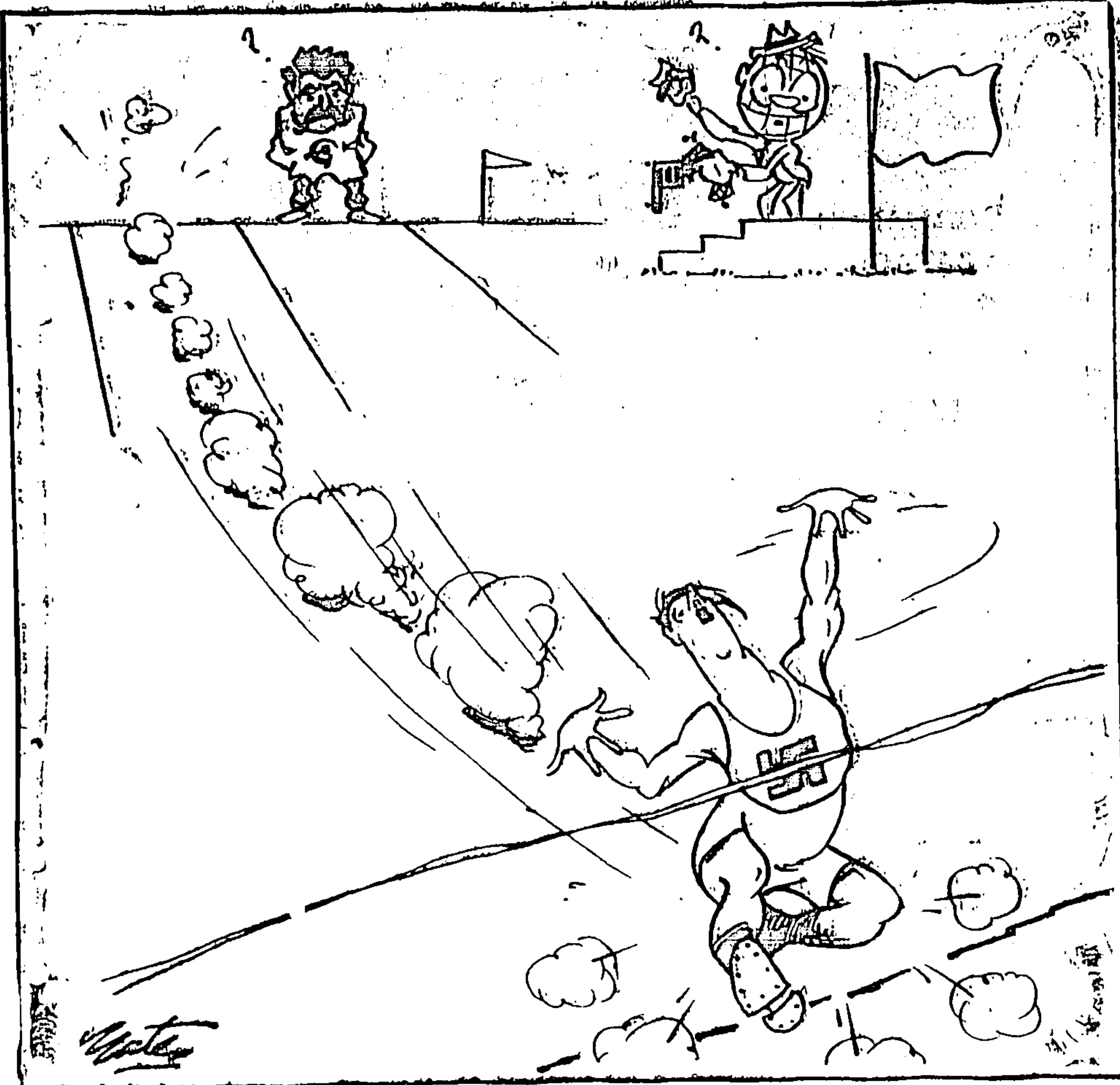
The Japanese began talking about encirclement some months ago. They talked angrily and defiantly about it. They would not have it. They would seize sources of supply and tell us to keep our distance, or else.

Then came the freezing of credits and the licensing of exports. Japan was suddenly aware that her freedom of movement outside of territorial waters and of the South China Sea was threatened. Encirclement became the theme of the hour in Japan. The militarists denounced it angrily. Every one else discussed it with alarm, and into these nervous discussions there crept a note of injury. Then came the Roosevelt-Churchill conference and the announcement of the joint determination to aid Russia; and, angry and alarmed as the Japanese outcry was, the keynote of it was a sense of injury. There was the Russian bugaboo again, right in Japan's back yard!

It seems very likely that the movement of Japanese reinforcements to Korea and Manchuria, which followed closely upon Hitler's plunge into European Russia and coincided with the invasion of southern Indo-China, was primarily defensive. Japan meant to concentrate on the southern adventure when Moscow's resistance collapsed, but she had to guard her northern frontiers against irresponsible Russian armies in the event of Moscow's collapse. Japan also owed it to herself to be ready to get into Siberia and entrench herself there if chaotic conditions again offered her such an opportunity as she seized and then surrendered twenty years ago. At any rate, she had reason to look upon the situation to the north as safe until it might later suit her purpose to disturb it. The initiative was securely in her hands.

Now she sees that whole situation in a different light. Russia is not collapsing. No single army has collapsed. The Russians are just backing away; and they may go on doing that. Meanwhile, the Far Eastern armies will not be without supplies; for the United States has undertaken to ship oil and other war materials to them. These shipments must go through Japan's own barrier chain of islands, behind which her own Navy could, of course, stop them. But she

THE COMMUNIQUE RACE



JUMPING THE GUN AGAIN.

In Government Service

MY uncle Carolls used to say that it was very important that a young man should be fixed for life. According to my uncle, there was too much energy wasted in trying to make a career. My uncle used to say that however much a man may use his brains he must die in the end. According to my uncle, as this was the case it was better to join Government Service from the start.

could not stop the swarms of American planes, flown from Alaska, which might then reinforce the striking power of the Far Eastern Red armies. If Stalin cared to look upon interference with his supplies as an unneutral act and to denounce the pact he signed with Mr. Matsuoka, those armies, whose mettle Japan has already sampled to her chagrin, plus the submarines at Vladivostok, might adopt an attitude that would force Japan to abandon every other objective.

Japan is encircled. She faces the prospect of being slowly disarmed by attrition. It is a terrible situation for a nation that has had everything its own way for ten years—except in China—breaking treaties at will, expanding through armed aggression, allying herself with the enemies of civilisation, blackmailing supplies from the nations whom her monopolists were driving out of one market after another, and looking forward to the establishment of a great self-sufficient empire from which she could sell the rest of the world its products at her own price. Japan is encircled, by the consequences of her own outrages against international decency.

My uncle Carolls used to say that the great thing about Government Service was that it avoided the trouble of thinking and tiring your brain. According to my uncle, half the trouble in the world was due to people acting on their own judgment. My uncle used to say that in Government Service you do not go by judgment but by the regulations. My uncle always used to tell the story about his good friend a Proctor and Notary who was having a good practice drafting petitions, but he soon got ambitious and started taking cases. My uncle used to say that he was a very uncertain person and could not sleep at nights because he was never sure whether he was right or wrong. According to my uncle,

By KEN

after some time he chucked the whole thing and entered the clerical service. My uncle used to say that he was much happier in Government Service for he did not have to bother about right and wrong and could sleep both night and day.

My uncle used to say that Government Service was the best profession for a young man as it was the only organisation that made no distinction about merit. According to my uncle, this was only natural as you could not expect every man to be equally intelligent. My uncle used to say where else would you find an organisation which considered seniority of service more important than brains for promotion. According to my uncle, this gave everyone a chance for a man must get older even if he cannot get cleverer.

My uncle Carolls used to say that once you got into Government service it was very difficult to get out of it unless you did something. In my uncle's opinion people were anyway too restless. My uncle used to say that being in Government Service taught one virtuous habits such as keeping quiet and contemplating.

My uncle Carolls used to say that being in Government Service taught one not to be so vain as to take seriously what others said about one. According to my uncle, people were always complaining about Government Servants and if one ever listened to them one would be badly discouraged. My uncle used to say that if you took no notice of people stopped coming after a while. According to my uncle if anyone was really

getting personal you could charge him for a breach of the regulations.

My uncle used to say that what was much more aggravating than public criticism was a superior officer who was always finding fault. In my uncle's opinion, not enough care was taken in the selection of Government Servants for you sometimes got one who stuck to the letter and not the spirit of the regulations. My uncle used to say that the only thing to do in such a case was to get your friends to send a petition against him.

My uncle Carolls used to speak very highly of the Government Service habit of giving you a pension when you retired. According to my uncle this was quite in keeping with the traditions of the service for there was no reason why a man should cease being paid for doing nothing merely because he had passed a certain age.

My uncle Carolls used to say that Government Service gave you more holidays than any other profession. According to my uncle, if you were fortunate enough to get a travelling allowance for your job you could spend your holidays visiting many interesting places.

My uncle Carolls used to say that being in Government Service increased your chances of a good marriage. According to my uncle, in these days of uncertainty parents-in-law preferred a safe job to a decent education. My uncle used to say that there was once a time when a lawyer or professional man was considered a good match, but nowadays everybody was thinking that the risk was too great.

My uncle used to say that such jobs had some status, but what was the use of status unless one was already well-off. According to my uncle, Government Service was unique in giving both status and security. According to my uncle, even though it may sometimes not pay much you could always live fairly comfortably if you knew how to employ the regulations.

My uncle Carolls used to say that the best thing about Government Service was the prestige it gave you. According to my uncle, he even knew of cases where a Government job made up for lowly birth. My uncle used to say that people had to respect you for they would have to come to your sooner or later.

My uncle Carolls used to say that one of the advantages of being in Government Service was that one could get important pallbearers at one's funeral. According to my uncle, a man must leave the world with the same dignity he had when in it.

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American Traffic Experts In China Wartime Capital

(By Richard Watts Jr.)

THE BREEZIEST and most dynamic note introduced into China's war-time capital, Chungking, in recent months was, it is freely admitted on all sides, provided by the three American traffic experts sent from Washington to look over the possibilities of moving more freight with greater celerity over the famous Burma Road.

The trio of gentlemen who set official Chungking pretty much on its collective ear were Daniel Arnstein, Marco Hellman and Harold Davis, all of them experts in the matter of taxicab, truck and general transportation problems, and very two-fisted individuals in the manner of expressing their opinions and ideas.

To say that there was a difference of opinion in this vicinity about Mr. Arnstein and his associates as they set out for Kunming to study the Burma-Yunnan Highway and make recommendations is putting it mildly. It would be more accurate to say that they had become wildly controversial figures. Yet, strangely enough, the evidence was that the difference of opinion was chiefly among the foreign colony. The Chinese were perhaps a bit surprised at the straightforward dynamic quality of the three men, but it seemed clear that they respected them for it, were impressed by their obvious knowledge of their trade and liked the breezy manner in which they went about their business.

Some of the older China hands among the Americans here were inclined to be skeptical. They talked, as they always do when they get together, about the all-important matter of face, and they insisted that the blunt and hearty approach of the three traffic men and their propensity for speaking their minds would cause too many Chinese officials to lose face.

They declared that greater suavity and blandness were necessary and that the Arnstein party would make enemies instead of smoothing over the difficulties inherent in the Hercules-like labour of making the Burma Road efficient.

Protocol Not For Him

As an added charge they said that Mr. Arnstein didn't know anything about protocol, a charge which Mr. Arnstein would be the first to agree with in the heartiest tones. Legends have already grown up about this husky, burly Terminal taxi man who used to be a professional athlete as well as a cab driver and a soldier. The one that has to do with protocol has already been authenticated. It seems that one of the secretaries of the American Embassy met him at one of the innumerable official teas given for the three experts and asked him, rather impatiently, why he hadn't paid a call on the ambassador.

"Why should I?" asked Mr. Arnstein. "I don't know him."

Although the members of the foreign colony who have objected to Arnstein and his colleagues have been highly articulate, they were by no means in the majority. The more liberal school of thought was that the trio provided the freshest and most forthright note that Chungking has seen in a long time, that they were just the sort of straightforward experts, with no axes to grind, that would most impress the Chinese and their technical, non-political approach was just the thing that the problems of the highway needed. It was thought, too, that the belief held among Chinese officialdom, that the recommendations of Mr. Arnstein and the way in which they were followed out would have a great deal to do with the extent of American aid that would be forthcoming over the Burma Road, would be of great help in making his mission a success.

Corruption

Not having seen the road when he arrived in Chungking, Mr. Arnstein, who was the spokesman for the party, would not commit himself to any great extent, but he said that there were certain

things he knew already. He had seen some three hundred trucks in Chungking and only sixty were in proper condition.

He knew that some of the truck drivers were selling their gasoline and were even doing some private trucking business of their own on the side. This corruption bothered him and it was his belief that, since a war for China's survival was going on, any such conduct should be declared treasonable and treated in that light.

But the important thing, he said, was the inefficiency and lack of experience of the Chinese drivers and technicians, and it was his hope that large numbers of them could be taken to America and given a training there in American technical methods.

"In the long run," he said, "the Chinese themselves are the ones who must make the success or the failure of the road. We can put them in the right paths and give them the proper training, and then it is up to them. At present, there are more bosses than there are workers and that is another thing that must be remedied. We must show them that there is no disgrace in getting your hands dirty."

Recalls Bowling

Because they are inclined to be quiet men, Mr. Hellman and Mr. Davis stayed pretty much in the background. Mr. Arnstein was not only the spokesman but the personality man of the outfit, and he seemed happier when talking about his days as a professional athlete than of his problems as a traffic expert. An inescapably Semitic-looking gentleman, the bluff and hearty Mr. Arnstein was once a well paid amateur athlete under the name of Murphy.

He recalls with enthusiasm the day when he was bowling for an Irish group against another Irish group under his jauntily assumed name. While waiting for his turn to bowl he was knocking a punching bag about and the captain of the team called for him.

Unfortunately the captain had forgot the pseudonym. "You're next, Arnstein," he said recklessly. That was when the rioting began.

Trucking Business

Then there was the occasion when he played tackle against a Middle West college team before the World War. The Middle West college team must have liked his work, because on the following Saturday he was playing tackle for that team against another school. Once he played against the great Jim Thorpe, but that was a different kind of story.

Although there has been doubt about the urbanity and tact of the visiting traffic experts, there has been none about their knowledge of their business. Mr. Arnstein is of Terminal Taxicabs, and he does a large trucking business, including the delivery business of three New York newspapers. Mr. Hellman is of Lehman and Co., and Davis, from Hartford, Conn., is of Consolidated Cabs. The fact that they are government dollar-a-year men and are getting no money from the Chinese is among the reasons for the undoubted prestige they had in Chungking. Mr. Arnstein was called to Washington to make a recommendation for the job of advising on the Burma Road and decided to go himself.

SAND—BUT NOT OF TIME

Examination of a number of packing cases in a ship's cargo arriving at a North-West port from the U.S. has revealed what is believed to be an "insurance racket."

There were 40 cases supposed to contain alarm clocks, but when one of them was accidentally burst open during unloading operations it was found to be filled with sandbags and shavings. Investigation showed that the other 39 were similarly packed.

Theory is that if the cargo had been lost in transit insurance claims could have been made on the "clocks" amounting to several hundred pounds.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS FOR U-BOATS

Splendid new all-electric ships of war, very fast and armed with powerful American guns on a lavish scale, have now reinforced the Royal Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic.

They are some of the former revenue cutters leased to Britain by the United States.

The result of a concentration of destroyers, corvettes and the cutters in the western approaches to Britain, where the enemy is now finding conditions rather warm, will be to drive U-boats further out where lack of cooperating aircraft will add to their task.

On one occasion they brought home safely a very large convoy, including many freighters loaded with American bombers. On their maiden voyage here they helped to escort another convoy.

MEXICO ABOUT TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN

Mexico is about to renew diplomatic relations with Great Britain in the course of this month, it was declared in well informed circles in Mexico City.

Negotiations are in progress in Washington for the settlement of the controversy which arose between Great Britain and Mexico in 1938 in connection with the Mexican oil fields.

It is this controversy which led to the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

A general meeting of the Hong Kong branch R.E.O.C.A. will be held in the Junior N.C.O.s Club, Wellington Barracks at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st October.

NIGHT FIGHTERS WORK LIKE POLICE CARS

(By A "Daily Telegraph" Reporter)

ONE MORNING, at a time when most people were getting up, I watched a night fighter pilot and his air gunner go into the mess and switch on the wireless.

All through the night they had been "at the ready" or in the air helping in the job of giving battle to enemy raiders. Now they wanted to hear the full results of the defensive activity in which they had participated.

Four enemy bombers destroyed last night. One, a Junkers 88, exploded and caught fire after the first burst. There was another explosion after the second burst, and the starboard engine blew up. After a third and final burst the whole aircraft burst into flames, stalled, broke into two and crashed into the sea.

The pair listened unemotionally. Then they went to breakfast, bath and bed.

That bulletin summarised the successful results of our night fighters in recent months.

When all goes well, two men, sitting back to back in an all-black Defiant, travel unerringly to the enemy raiders and destroy them.

There is a period of patient stalking and then comes abrupt action. The pressure of a tiny button, an instantaneous burst of fire from the guns, and another German bomber has met its doom.

Usually it does not even stagger; it is blown to bits.

This nightly task is being developed with ever increasing efficiency. The men concerned are already accepting it as a mere routine.

The place from which I write accommodates hundred-per-cent night fighter squadrons. They have no other attention. They man Defiants and Beaufighters.

The Defiant squadron has a particularly proud record, and only a few hours before I arrived its wing-commander had received from the King his D.F.C.

Ever-Growing Efficiency

This squadron, including the period in which it was on day-fighter operations, has brought down 96 enemy aircraft. Eight members have gained the D.F.C., eight others the D.F.M., two with bars.

A gunner said to me: "I might say we are the highest development of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad idea. You know how the policemen patrol London in their cars and are suddenly ordered by radio to make for a specified point. Well, our work is rather like that."

"We are in touch all the time with control headquarters, which by a variety of wonderful devices is keeping track of marauders."

Shortly after the last of the night fighters had returned before dawn I saw a squadron of Spitfires approaching in beautifully neat formation. They were taking over from their colleagues of the night.

Day and night now, without cessation, the British give battle in the air.

MUSCOVITE TOUCH IN ROSS-SHIRE VILLAGE

Most people know how the rumour of Russians passing through the country in the last war spread after a troop train had stopped at an important junction, and tea was given to the men, who, speaking Gaelic, said they came from "Ross-shire"; it was misheard as "Russia." But all readers may not know the following facts:

The troops were Loyal Scouts en route for the Home Counties. By the way, there is a village in Ross-shire called Moscow, and there are some farmsteads called Rushaw.

To add to the Muscovite associations (and confusions), a stream which passes by these farmhouses has been christened "Volga." It only needs the blacksmith to be called Stalin and the analogy would be still more incredibly true.

HOW 'AMY' MET DEATH

Miss Pauline Gower, commanding officer of the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary, told a literary luncheon how Amy Johnson met her death.

"It felt to my lot to check up on her flight," said Miss Gower. "We have absolutely no doubt how she died."

"She was flying in icy conditions above clouds so heavy that she could not find a break to enable her to come down. She was running out of petrol, and must have decided to come down through the clouds. It was just bad luck that she happened to be over the water. She baled out, and, had she been above land, would have been here to-day."

"In baling out of the type of aircraft she was flying it was often necessary to jettison the door, which, as it came down, might have caused the rumour that there was a passenger in the aircraft."

EXTERMINATION BATTALIONS

"The Germans are landing groups of five to ten saboteurs with parachutes in the uniform of Soviet militiamen, to damage lines of communication, says a Russian High Command communiqué quoted by A. T. Cholerton, "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Moscow."

Extermination battalions have been formed in the rear of our armies to destroy these parachutists. The People's Commissar for Internal Affairs has been charged with their direction.

ROBEY RAISES £1,000,000

George Robey, on the air in "Monday Night at Eight," said that already he had managed to raise £1,000,000 for war charities.

With what he raised in the last war, this brings the total sum realised by "The Prime Minister of Mirth" to one and a half million pounds.

"LONELY SOLDIER," MARRIED, WAR BIGAMIST

A "lonely soldier" — with a wife and six children — appealed for girls to write to him and bigamously married a girl who did.

The girl, Miss Edith Grimes, a London Civil Servant, had answered his appeal, and the two wrote to each other regularly.

The "lonely soldier," John Stewart (36), of Glasgow, was wounded at Calais, and after discharge from the Army "married" Miss Grimes at St. Mary's Church, Tottenham.

It was stated at the Old Bailey recently, when Stewart was charged with bigamy, that after the couple had lived together for a month Stewart disappeared leaving a note saying he was ill with consumption.

Then the police found that he had returned to his wife and children in Glasgow.

Stewart was bound over for two years.

Mother Of Six Sent To Gaol

AN ARMY SEPARATION allowance of £2 15s. a week for herself and her six children, aged from 2 to 17, is drawn by Mrs. Elizabeth Wotton. Her husband is in Malta on active service.

One of the children stole some money in an escapade. In a moment of weakness, Mrs. Wotton kept it and spent some of it on clothes for the children.

The Bench at Stratford, London, sentenced her to a month's hard labour.

The Chairman, Mr. C. W. Hodgson, said that Mrs. Wotton's seventeen-year-old daughter, who had just started work, would be able to look after herself. The Justices regarded it as a very serious case, and one which had to be dealt with severely.

The police said that Mrs. Wotton held a good character.

After hearing the sentence, Mrs. Wotton lost her self-control and cried: "But why that? What about my children?"

She was assisted to the cells. Later the Warrant-Sergeant said that Mrs. Wotton, whose home address is Earl's Cottages, Woodlane, Dagenham, was anxious about her children's welfare.

She wanted a message sent to her seventeen-year-old daughter so that she would go home and see to the children, at home alone except for a neighbour looking after them.

The Chairman said the Probation Officer would attend to that side of the case. He supposed the P.A.C. would look after the children.

"Needed It So Badly"

Mrs. Wotton, who pleaded guilty to receiving £10 knowing it to have been stolen, stated in court that she knew she ought to have returned the money.

"But I wanted the money so badly," she said. "My husband's allowance does not keep the children and me. I know I have done wrong."

Detective-Sergeant Tresidder said that because of the children Mrs. Wotton could not go to work herself and the Army allowance was her sole income, excepting the few shillings earned by the eldest girl.

There was no doubt she was in straitened circumstances. The Bench made an order returning £4 of the £10 to the owner.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A SLAM POINTER

By The Four Aces

Each year at this time, the summer bridge championships are held at Asbury Park, N. J. For a whole week, some of the finest bridge in the world is on display to those who care to see it. Today's hand, taken from last year's tournament, is typical of what can be seen there:

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A Q 9 2

WEST

♠ K Q 10 8 5

♥ 9 5

♦ K 6 2

♣ 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 3

♥ 8 2

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 2

♥ K Q 10 7 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ K J 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. South hadn't paid much attention to West's spade overcall during the bidding, for North's jump raise made it appear that West had just put in a "nonsense" bid. But now it looked as though North had made a slight (ever-so-slight) stretch, and that West had the King of diamonds as part of the value for his defensive bid.

The average player, we feel sure, would not consider that point. He would draw trumps and rush to discard the losing spade on dummy's extra club. Then he would finesse the Queen of diamonds, and would feel very much aggrieved when that line of play caused him to lose two diamond tricks.

But in a championship tournament, better lines of play are found. In this case, South drew trumps and discarded a low diamond on dummy's extra club. Then he led the Jack of spades from the dummy, putting West into the lead. If West returned a diamond, South would get a "free" finesse. And if West could return anything else, dummy could ruff while South discarded the Queen of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Maier	Jacoby
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner's bidding indicates that he has only about enough to fight for a part score. Your hand is a minimum and you should not try again for game.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 60% for three, no-trump, 30% for three hearts.

Question No. 829

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Revised by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

KEEPING AHEAD OF WEATHER

On the door of the meteorological office at a Bomber Group Headquarters someone has facetiously printed: "Depression Villa." The meteorological officers—the "met men" as they are called—are often the subject of mild jokes, but everybody knows that on them may depend the decision to make an attack or to abandon it.

The science of weather forecasting continues to be accurate, despite the breakdown since war began, of the world-wide interchange of meteorological information build up in peacetime. This accuracy is demonstrated when the "met man" takes his stand on the platform in the briefing room and tells the bomber crews what kind of weather they may expect, the speed and direction of the wind, height and extent of cloud, the temperature and visibility. He uses a weather map to illustrate his points, with isobars—like lines on a contour map—showing the variations in barometric pressure. He knows that in a few hours, when the aircraft return, he will have been proved right or wrong. But he is usually right.

They often play a game in the met. office called "beating the fronts." The word "front" indicates various kinds of bad weather. It is a game on which lives of men may depend. The "met" officers have to determine whether a target can be reached before a deterioration in the weather sets in, or to calculate whether an enemy town can be bombed soon after the weather has cleared. They may also have to decide if the aircraft can get safely back to base before low clouds come over to hamper the landing.

The weather has to be beaten at its own game. If it is going to be unfavourable at base, some other part of the country must be found to which the aircraft can be safely diverted. The two main points on the weather map are the target to be attacked and the home station. What kind of weather lies between is not so important, unless severe icing or electrical disturbances are indicated.

The weather is always on the move, and the "met" man must be always two moves ahead. Weather reports come into his office continuously, and every three hours of the day and night a new chart is drawn which is discussed with the operations staff. They talk of polar fronts and centres of depression, of density of cloud and the formation of fog, of North Sea stratus wandering inland. Most of the "met" men wear civilian clothes, but they have as much to do with the war as anyone in uniform.

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NEW A.T.S. DRESS

The A.T.S. is to have a new uniform—smarter and altogether more attractive than the present outfit.

This was announced when Chief Controller Jean Knox took over the command of the 40,000 girls in the A.T.S., which she hopes will grow to 200,000.

Tailor-made four-piece skirts, a more severe shoulder line and an outstanding belt buckle are features of the new outfit which has been designed by Mrs. Knox.

The new uniforms will not be issued for some months as there is a large stock of the old style to be used up first.

On "Kinder" Lines

Not-so-slim recruits will like the new style, which is cut on much "Kinder" lines than the old.

The khaki skirts will no longer sag or lose their shape now that they have been specifically designed in four pieces.

A severe square shoulder line which adds a more military touch will do away with the "sack" appearance which often develops from hard use of the old style.

Before she joined the A.T.S. in 1938 Mrs. Knox's job was to run her home, look after her daughter Julie, and her husband, a Squadron-Leader now overseas.

Children's Summer-Time Need.

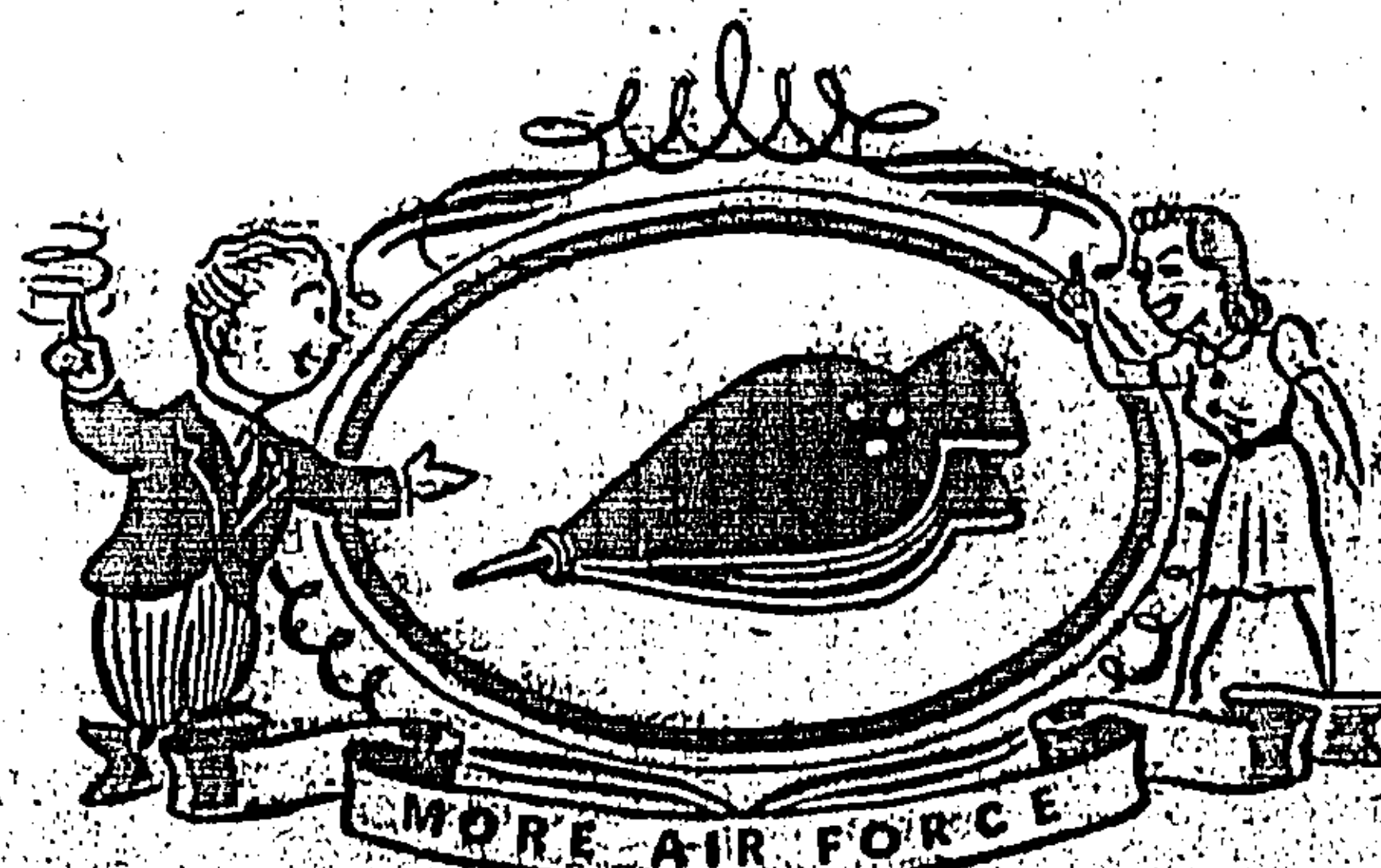
At this time of year children may easily fall sick, for on hot, dusty days fruit, ice cream, salads and cold drinks are temptations hard to resist; but unless careful supervision is exercised such delicacies may cause diarrhoea, colic, worms, and other upsets.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

New Autumn Coiffures

As the winter of 1941 is to be a very active one for most women, the hair stylists have taken the queue and have decreed shorter, more casual and more easily managed hair-dos. The pompadour is now giving way to styles which are combed simply back from the face and set in deep waves and swirls.

Hats, too, have become more sensible—in fact the first showings of the season indicate that again a hat will cover the head and not perch on its crown. Heavier materials are going into these new creations which mean added warmth and longer wearing qualities. Perhaps too, the several service uniforms which are for active women, have influenced hair styles, as a long shoulder bob and fancy pompadour do not harmonise with the trim uniform of a defence worker.

Good Opportunity For All

It cannot be denied that constant permanent waving, settings with lotions under hot dryers, gradually rob the hair of its vitality. The roots of the hair may be as healthy as ever, but the length of the hair show the strain of all the primping we do. Right now is a good time to let your hair grow strong again.

If you get it cut short, feather-cut fashion, you can get along without a new permanent. What is left of your old permanent is sufficient curl and what a joy to run the comb through your hair, push a wave into place and go about your daily tasks.

You may ask, but what about gala evenings? Are we going to wear these casual hair-dos then? No, we are not. We are going to invest in an artificial braid to match our own tresses, or in a cluster or two of curls, which may be pinned on in the most glamorous fashion for evening wear.

And we are not going to try to



The newer coiffure suggests a practical casualness. Note the shorter length and greater simplicity.

conceal the fact that this wad of hair is not our very own. A braid for instance will encircle the crown of the head above all the short feather-end ringlets. Or our own hair will be brushed sleekly back from the face—a la South American—and a cluster of false curls will be pinned in back

of each ear! The boy friends will again have the opportunity to sing the old refrain "Katie combed her hair and hung it on the back of a chair!"

Those of my readers who have long hair will, naturally hang on to it. This is their day. If it is of sufficient length to comb in long braids and wind around the head, so much the better. With the new hat designs there will be no problem for the draped, full crowns.

Yes, it is interesting to see how woman's fashions echo the war. It looks as if each of us is expected to do a big bit during the next season!

Don't Shut Your Eyes To It

These exercises are specially planned for the "inclined-to-be-plump" girl.

If you are rather on the big side, and think your measurements are increasing, now is the time to take yourself in hand, and make up your mind that you are not going to develop an O.S. figure.

Many girls, between twenty-five and thirty, are plumper than they like to be. Just at this age, the figure—if left to itself—has a tendency to thicken, particularly at the waist line and hips. But this can be checked.

Prevention in this case is better and far easier than cure.

EXERCISE 1: Stand with feet apart. Keeping knees straight, drop loosely forward and making little bouncing movements in the hip joints, tap the ground twice as far as possible in front of your feet (1-2), tap ground as far back as possible between your legs (3-4), stretch up, swinging arms forward, upward, and sideways down (5-6); bounce your fingertips lightly against the sides of your thighs (7-8).

Repeat three times, keeping the movements rhythmic.

EXERCISE 2: Stand with left side towards and left hand resting on a chair back.

Swing right leg as high as you can backwards and forwards six times, counting 1-12, one count for

each swing forward or backward. Bring feet together and rise on tiptoes (13); lower heels (14); repeat (15-16). Turn round and repeat the swinging with the other leg.



You no longer are of the younger generation if a day on the beach does nothing for you but burn you up.

They're Always Hungry

small boys, particularly. They chase about from the time they open their eyes and use up a tremendous amount of energy.

What to give them—and their sisters—to satisfy them is a constant worry.

If you give children bread and milk for breakfast, they may say: "Why are you giving us our supper at breakfast time?" because bedtime is usually associated with this simple fare. Try serving the familiar bread and milk in this new way.

Wheatmeal Castle

Put a teacup with diced pieces of wheatmeal bread.

Pour into the cup just as much boiling water as the bread will absorb and cover the cup with the saucer for about two minutes.

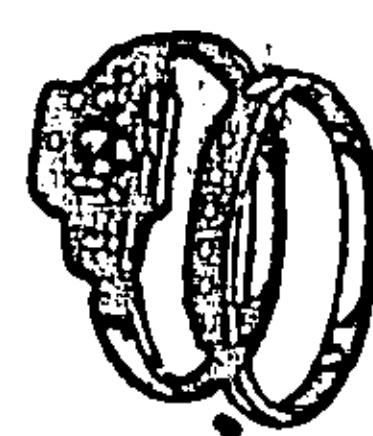
Turn the "castle" out on to a little dish and serve with a sprinkling of sugar and milk or stewed fruit.

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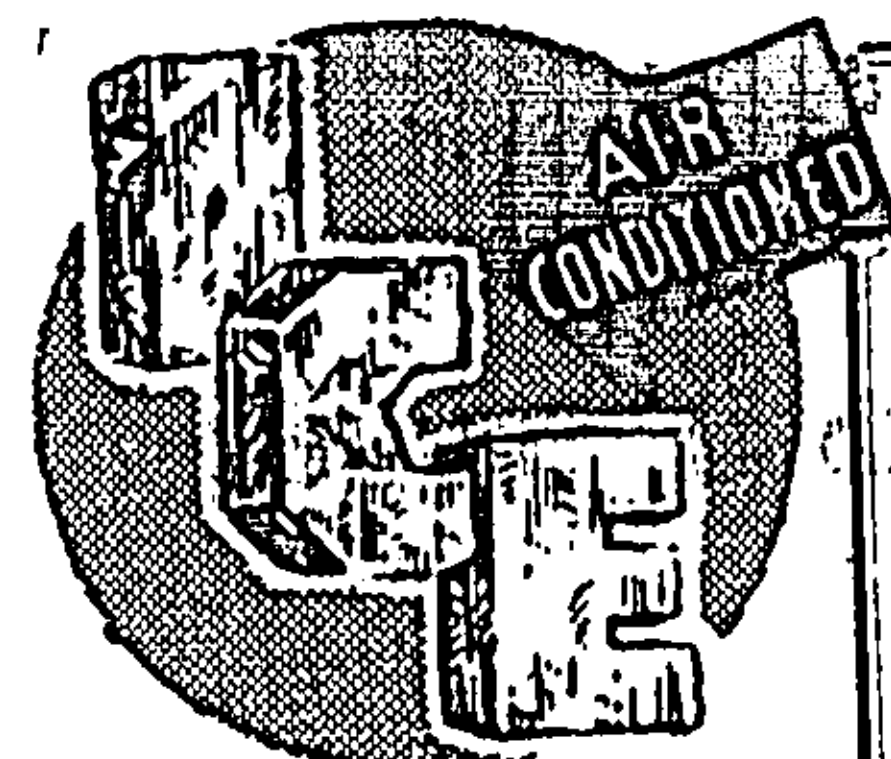
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interest-

12.30 p.m.—Borodin—Quartet, No. 2 in

D Major.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov:

Scherzo (Allegro—Vivace); 3rd

Mov: Notturmo—Andante; 4th Mov:

Finale (Andante—Vivace). Pro

Arte Quartet.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—The Mills Brothers in

Variety.

Vocal—Julius Caesar (Rogers); Sixty

Seconds Got Together (Livingston,

David)... Mills Brothers & Guitar.

Two Planos & Drums—"The Great

Ziegfeld"—Medley... The Key-

boards.

Vocal—Slipping Through My Fingers

(from film "It's Love Again")—

Woods)... Jessie Matthews with

Orchestra.

Vocal—Caravan (Tizit, Ellington):

The Flat Foot Floogie (Gallard,

Stewart, Green)... The Mills

Brothers and a Guitar.

Orchestral—Six-Eight Medley—Intro:

Valencia, Ca C'Est Paris; Picador:

Barcelona; Rio De Janeiro; Casa-

blanca... Harry Roy & his Orches-

tra from The Mayfair Hotel.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press

and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Dance

Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Swiss Bellringer:

Somewhere At Sea

Quick-Step—Nursie! Nurse!

Fox-Trot—In A Moonboat.

Slow Fox-Trot—Can't Get Indiana Off

My Mind.

Fox-Trots—Sleepy Time In Sleepy

Hollow; Tiny Little Fingerprints.

Waltz—If You Hadn't Asked Me To

Dance

Fox-Trot—When The Blackbird Says

Bye-Bye.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations

6.47 p.m.—Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci".

Characters & Soloists in order of

appearance: Tonio, a clown; Mario

Basilola (Bartone); Canio, Leader of

village comedy troupes; Gigli

(Tenor); Beppe, Harlequin's wife;

(Tenor); Nedda, Canio's wife;

Columbine, Iva Pacetti (Soprano);

Silvio, a villager in love with Nedda

Paci (Bartone); with Members

of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus.

Milan.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Three

Dream Dances. The London Pall-

adium Orchestra conducted by Clifford

Greenwood.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"English Humour"

No. 3: The Ingoldsby Legends. Talk

by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Vocal—Moon For Sale (Trevor, Hen-

derson & Rosen); Thanks A Million

(from film) Robert Ashley with

Orchestra

Orchestral—Hypnotised—Slow Fox-

Trot: Three Minutes of Heaven—

Waltz: Victor Silvester & his Ball-

room Orchestra

Vocal—The Night Is Young (from the

film)... Evelyn Lave with Orch.

Humorous Monologue—Many Happy

Returns (de Bear)... Stanley Hol-

loway with Piano

Piano—If I Didn't Care (Lawrence);

My Prayer (Kennedy-Boulanger)...

"Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).

Humorous Monologue—Sam's Medd

(Hogan-Constanduros)... Stanley

Holloway with Piano

Vocal Duet—Wanting You (from film

"The New Moon")... Anne Ziebler

and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

Orchestral—El Payaso Del Corazon

Partido (Broken-hearted Clown);

Le Tue Carezze (Don't Play With

Fire—Tango)... Victor Silvester &

his Ballroom Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George

Scott Wood.

Lulu's Back In Town (from film

"Broadway Gondolier").

In "A Little Gipsy Tea Room (Leslie

& Burke).

"The Big Broadcast of 1936"—Sele-

Boots Forced Her To Leave A.T.S.

CHAMPION SWIMMER and expert ice skater, Patricia Mann, 20, has got to leave the A.T.S. because her feet won't let her stay.

Wearing tight skating boots and then heavy A.T.S. boots caused the trouble.

Army doctors have operated on her feet, officers have given her lighter work, but in vain. She is being discharged because she cannot stand for long.

If a medical test O.K.'s her she may accept an appointment at Gravesend, Kent, her home town, teaching Civil Service workers to swim.

"I shall also do recruiting for the A.T.S.," Patricia told the "Daily Mirror." "I hate having to leave."

"When I joined, eighteen months ago, if they didn't have a girl's proper size in boots she had to take the nearest to it. I got a pair too small and that started my trouble."

But in a year her feet may be all right. If they are Patricia is going back into the Service.

"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

Moscow radio recently broadcast "Rule Britannia" and the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers."

This is the first time these songs have been broadcast in Soviet Russia.

The songs were in the sound track of the newsreel of the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting. Part of the sound track was broadcast by the radio.

The film was flown from America to Russia. It is being shown in all Soviet cinemas.

tion (Noble, Robin).

"Top Hat"—Selection (Berlin).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Sonata in A Major—Prelude a Capriccio.

Presto agitato, Adagio, Giga (Vivaldi, arr. David)... Natan

Milstein.

Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin);

La Campanella (Rondo from "Con-

certo No. 2 in B Minor"—Paganini.

Op. 71... Natan Milstein with

Piano.

10.29 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in C

Minor.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto;

3rd Mov: Allegretto... Edwin

Fischer (Piano) & The London

Philharmonic Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain To-

day". Discussion with Gerald Barry.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

NOVELTY AT THE BALL

Yet another novelty has to be added to the list of attractions at the forthcoming Tin Hat Ball.

The scheme itself will not be divulged until the night of the event, but it can be stated that it entails the provision of prizes to the value of over one thousand dollars.

It will be remembered that there were a number of unclaimed prizes left over from the Monster Raffle, and these include such items as an R.C.A. radio set, silver salver, jade necklace, silver pagoda, two open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, wines and spirits etc.

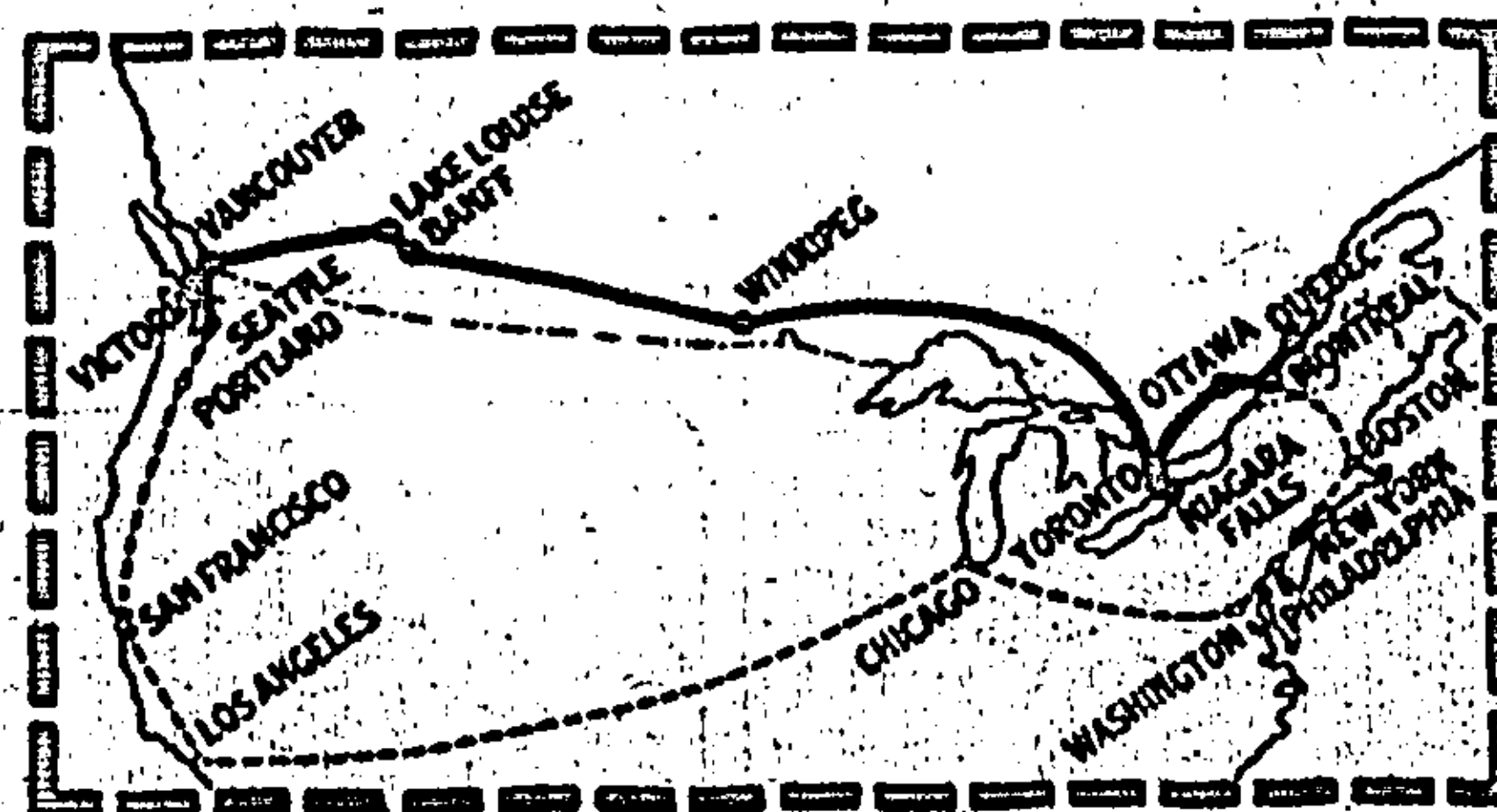
The Hong Kong War Effort Committee has evolved a clever scheme whereby these will be disposed of in aid of the Bomber Fund, the attractive part of the scheme being that every participant will secure a prize, but individual contributions will be limited to five dollars.

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He added that it would be idle to pretend that the difficulties and restrictions in the path of export business had not increased but that in spite of these, by the united efforts of all concerned both in England and Overseas the Company had managed to maintain its export trade at practically the same figure as in the previous year.

Commenting upon this statement the "Electrical Times" remarks:—

"We should like to see this bald fact treated by a Kipling. These exports had to be made from rationed materials under risk of death and destruction from the air, and when they managed to find themselves on board ship they had to run the gauntlet of sea-raider, U-boat, bomber, and mine, as well as the normal perils of the deep. What human courage, fortitude and endurance went to the delivery of these goods!"

In spite of the imposition of the Excess Profits Tax the Company has had a very successful year, its numerous factories having been largely employed upon work of first grade importance to the war effort.

The report also reveals that of the 50,000 persons employed by the G.E.C. in England 3,400 are serving with the Forces of whom 38 have been killed, 16 are reported missing, 10 wounded and 29 prisoners of war. 2 have gained the Distinguished Flying Cross, 1 the Distinguished Flying Medal, 1 the Military Cross, 2 the Military Medal and 1 the George Medal, so that both the Company and its employees are making a considerable contribution to the Empire's war effort.

BOMBERS SHOW THEIR TEETH

If our heavy bombers were not also "fighters" the sustained offensive of the last few weeks against Germany's industries and naval bases could not have been so confidently planned.

Again and again our bombers have met enemy fighters over Germany, beaten off their attack, and gone on to do their work. Many of the battles have been indecisive; and indecisive battle is of course a victory for the bomber and a defeat for the German defences. A load of bombs dropped on Germany's resources is worth more than the certain destruction of a fighter. But what the R.A.F. considers an indecisive battle is usually one in which the German fighter has not got off scot-free.

During one attack on Kiel the front gunner of one of our heavy bombers saw a Messerschmitt 110 near the German coast. It dived below the bomber and the front gunner told the rear gunner that it was coming. Then the enemy came in from astern and below, opening fire at 500 yards, first with cannon and then at closer range with machine-gun.

The rear gunner gave a long burst and the enemy sheered off but came in again from above, only to be driven off once more. The enemy made a third and a fourth attack, and on the fourth occasion flew across the bomber's path. As it did so the front gunner fired four bursts. The Messerschmitt broke sharply away and dived downwards out of sight with smoke gushing from it.

On the same night a Messerschmitt 110 attacked another of our bombers and a long battle ensued. Eventually our pilot put the nose of the bomber down while the Messerschmitt was passing underneath and the front gunner was at last able to get in two long bursts. The Messerschmitt dived away in a half roll with smoke pouring from its engine.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN TO-MORROW

By "Incog."

THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE OPENING DAY OF THE COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB TO-MORROW. THE OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT NOTHING UNDONE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING AND IT IS NOW LEFT TO THE COMPETITORS, AND SPECTATORS IN A LESSER DEGREE, TO MAKE THE 1941 GALA THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE HISTORY OF SWIMMING IN HONG KONG.

Swimming will commence at 6.07 to-morrow and entrance to the Club will be 60 cents, or \$1.20 (guaranteed seating accommodation). In the course of the past week, I have discussed the prospects of the representatives from the different clubs competing.

IN MY ARTICLE TO-DAY I AM GIVING MY FINAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW'S EVENTS:

Colony Championship—Men's 880 Yards free-style.
The Lai Tsun trio, Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping should live up to this race by pacing up and down neck and neck, with Chan gradually forging ahead by reason of his powerful push-off, plus, of course, his powerful swimming. Their coach, S. H. Wong, confidently predicts that Chan will better his own remarkable time of 11.15.3/5, whilst Yau should also do so, or come very close to it, in coming second.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Junior Championship.

This race should find J. A. Marques winning by 3/4th of a body's length, with the other three entrants finishing within a touch of each other.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style H'Cap (12 yrs. old & under).
These game youngsters who pride themselves on just managing to swim over to the other side, should cause no little amusement with their repertoire of "strokes." I am afraid there is no form guide here.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke.
Judging by the times returned in the heats, Miss Li Po-luen should win easily, whilst Misses Ho Wai-man and Ko Miu-ling, who did exactly the same time in the heats, will fight it out for second place up to the last foot.

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap.
The handicapping of the V.R.C. officials has always been good and a close finish is promised in this popular race. Form is again beyond judgment.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards back-stroke.
W. Lawrence, well-known veteran, should win, but A. K. Rumjahn is reputed to have improved considerably in his training times by adopting a changed pace, and he should press Lawrence into establishing a very good time for this newly inaugurated race. Poon Wing-kai, of Lai Tsun, beat Rumjahn by 2 secs. in the heats, and this strong swimmer must be reckoned with by the two V.R.C. competitors.

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship.
Miss Myra Noronha will have stiff competition from Misses Therese Yvanovich and Yvonne Yolle, but should manage to reach the finishing wall ahead of them.

Colony Championship—Women's Fancy Diving.
Miss Jacqueline Anderson has been practising hard under the eagle eye of Lionel Roza-Pereira. Though her standard is not high, she should win this event from Miss Josephine Ng, a somewhat unknown quantity. The host of other women swimmers should take up diving, as there is hardly anything more graceful to see than a girl soaring through the air and cleanly entering the water.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Junior Championship.
H. Reynolds, of the Police, should win this race, with J. M. Gosano and E. D. da Roza contesting the second place.

Colony Championship—Women's 220 Yards free-style.
Miss Vivienne Churn is a 100

per cent. "dead cert" for this race, and should set up a mark very close to 3 minutes flat. Misses Ho Wai-king, Ko Miu-ling and Celeste Gutierrez leave very little to choose between them, and it is hard to pick the second position from these three.

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap.

The boys have shown their prowess in past fetes, and the cream of the crop, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Gomes, G. Rossetti and C. Gutierrez, will try to beat the handicapper and each other in this event!

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley.

Ng Nin has only Tsang Cheong-ming swimming against him, as far as I am aware, and should have everything his own way. He is the best all-rounder this season, and should prove this by setting up a mark that should stand for a few years.

MRS. F.D.R. WRITES TO TOMMY

Tommy Maloney, the three and a-half year old war refugee from Shadwell, London, who has been adopted by Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the United States President, has received this letter from his foster mother:

"I have your picture and think you are a very brave-looking little boy. I know your mother is glad to have you and your sister in a safe place where you can have good food, sunshine, and fresh air.

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He calls himself Gerald Francis Mauduit St. Claire. His real name is Alfred Edward Francis and he is 41.

"You," Mr. Justice Wrottesley said to him at Devon Assizes, "is the worst career I have ever come across in a case of bigamy."

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This is what the prosecution said about Francis' many marriages.

Marriage No. 1 (legal) took place at Winchester in 1923.

It lasted 13 years. Then, in 1936, Francis' wife obtained a decree nisi.

Marriage No. 2 (bigamous) took place two months before the divorce decree was made absolute. There were two children.

Marriage No. 3 (legal as the decree had by then been made absolute) was last July.

It lasted three weeks.

Marriage No. 4. (bigamous) took place soon afterwards.

Francis met a woman at Liverpool, told her he was single and "married" her.

Detective Constable Stuart added these facts about much-married Francis.

In 1924 he was cashiered from the Army and sentenced to 70 days detention for falsifying accounts.

In 1934 he was sentenced to three months for deserting his wife and children.

His last conviction was for bigamy; he was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

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AH Q BEAT SOCCER CHAMPIONS TO WIN MINIATURE COMPETITION

A crowd of nearly 2,000 saw Ah Q football team beat South China in the final of the China Emporium Miniature Football Shield Competition at Caroline Hill yesterday by the odd goal in three, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Ah Q won because they took full advantage of the few opportunities which came their way, while South China forwards were below form in their shooting, and they were, in addition, too slow for the Ah Q defenders.

Ng Ping-ching played a brilliant game for the winners in goal, bringing off a number of good saves, while Chee Po-wan and Chung Ping-yuen were sound backs. Yee Hap-hing, in the pivotal position, had Lee Shek-yau so well marked that this speedy player could do nothing of note.

Hau Ching-to, on the left wing, was not up to form, but Hsu King-seng kept South China defence fully occupied.

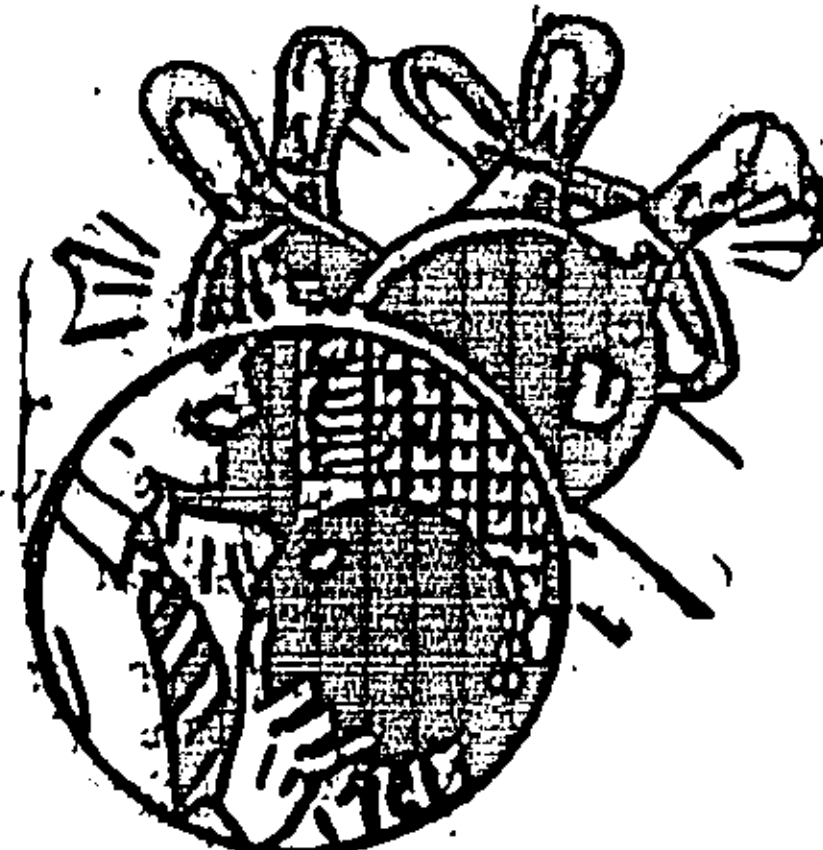
Tam Off Form

For South China, Tam Kwan-kon did not produce his form of the previous day. He was badly at fault in not leaving his goal earlier when the first goal was scored.

Tse Kam-hung and Chau Van-chi were the best of the losers, both displaying excellent ball control.

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The postponed Hong Kong Area swimming sports will be held this evening at Army Pool, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

TARLETON'S DECISION

Nel Tarleton, the British and Empire featherweight boxing champion, may not defend his title until after the war.

Tarleton, who has defended his title twice since the war, thinks his R.A.F. duties would prevent him having the opportunity to train as he would wish for a championship match.

Jackie Rankin, Southern area champion, has challenged Nel

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Club seniors are meeting Royal Army Service Corps, Junior Shield champions, in a friendly football game on Club ground this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

The inability of Lee Shek-yau to make any impression on the opposing defence, coupled with his poor shooting, took much of the sting out of South China's attack. Chin Chi-fai was badly shaken in the first half when he collided with Chee Po-wan, and was never very dangerous.

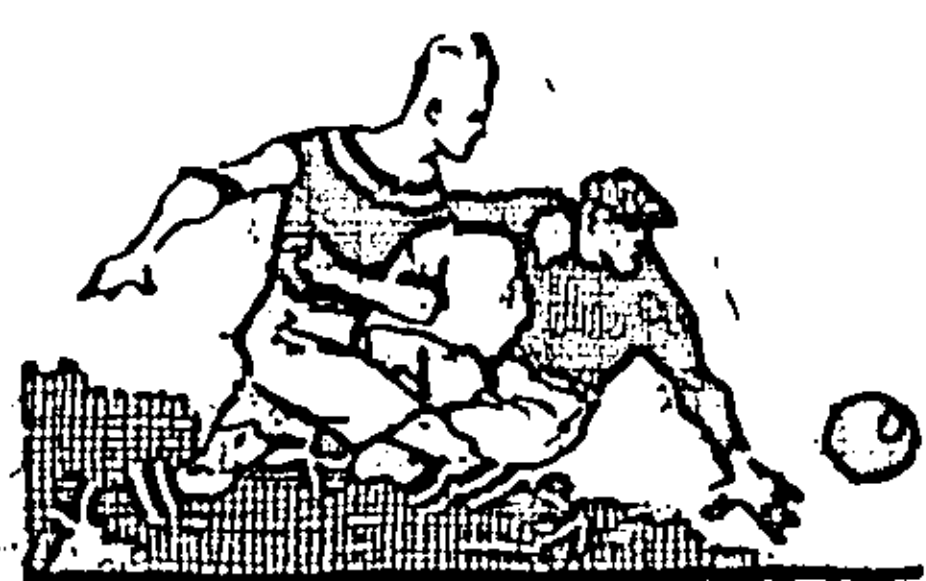
South China did most of the attacking in the first half. Then a breakaway round Hau Ching-to in possession and this player had no difficulty in beating the advancing Tam Kwan-kon.

Just before the interval Ah Q increased the lead through Lau Fook-chuen who sent in a hard drive which was deflected by Chau Man-chi.

Tse Kam-hung scored for South China in the second half. The teams were—

Ah Q:—Ng Ping-chuen; Chee Po-wan and Chung Ping-yuen; Yee Hap-hing, Lau Fook-chuen, Hsu King-seng and Hau Ching-to.

South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Chau Man-chi and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Shek-yau and Lee Tien-ye.



GUNNERS SCORE FIVE AGAINST CLUB

IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, 7TH BATTERY, ROYAL ARTILLERY BEAT CLUB BY 5 GOALS TO 1 AFTER LEADING BY TWO CLEAR GOALS AT THE INTERVAL.

Club forwards were weak in front of goal, and had they taken advantage of the many opportunities that came their way they would have done better.

Upton played a sound game at left back, being the most impressive player on view, while Fallace gave him good support. The intermediate line of Odell, Forrow and Gratton was sound, but the ineffectiveness of their forwards threw a lot of additional work on them.

Gunners were best served by their backs, Lawton and Barnsley, while of the halves Craven, in the pivotal position, did well.

Both Magona and McEwan, the wingers, were fast and fed into the first half and Taylor in the second period required watching. Walls was also a dangerous forward.

Willis (2), Pearce, McEwan and Saunders scored for Gunners while Wilson registered Club's only goal, the teams being—

7th Battery:—Whittle, Lawton and Barnsley; Turner (Taylor), Craven and Clarke; Magona, Willis, T. A. Pearce, Coughlan and McEwan.

Club:—Bailey, Upton and Fallace; Gratton, Forrow and Odell; Hopkinson, Hynes, Wilson, Bickford and Attwell.

Barr, the Manchester City forward, has been transferred on loan to Linfield, the Irish club.

C. Richards was severely cautioned by Nottingham stewards and fined £25 for not presenting himself to be weighed in on Old Fells after he had been placed third by the judge in the Midland Plate.

SINGAPORE TURF CLUB'S GOLD CUP WON BY GRAND PRIX

One of the less fancied horses, Grand Prix won the Gold Cup race in a thrilling finish at Bukit Timah on the final day of the Singapore Turf Club's Autumn (Gold Cup) meeting.

Grand Prix, which is owned by "Mr. Eddie" and trained by van Breukelen, was ridden by Farthing, who has ridden two previous Singapore Cup winners, Cooltip and Cockpen, in 1939 and 1936 respectively. Grand Prix's victory completed a treble for the meeting and was its fourth consecutive success.

Except for about two furlongs in the back straight when it was headed by Scottish Rifle, Grand Prix led all the way to hold off by a neck a strong challenge in the last furlong by Ranscombe. Pro Patria, the favourite with 1482 tickets, finished third, while Mystic Music, last year's winner

NAVY WIN BY A PENALTY

In a fairly evenly contested game, with the score sheet at half-time blank, Navy beat R.A.S.C. by 2 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday, Hendy scoring both goals, one from a penalty, for Navy while Clark scored for Service Corps.

The game was scrappy to begin with, but after about 15 minutes both sides settled down to improved football and some even exchanges resulted. Both sets of forwards, however, were weak in front of the goal and though both sides had scoring chances, the teams crossed over with the score sheet blank.

After the interval, Service Corps monopolised play for the earlier part of the half and a melee in front of the goal found Clark in possession when well-placed, and he made no mistake with a low drive.

Navy, however, were not to be denied and soon equalised through Hendy. A ding-dong struggle ensued and about 10 minutes from time the Navy were awarded a penalty, and Hendy converted to give his side the lead which they maintained till the final whistle sounded.

Teams were—
Navy:—Wood, Britton and Ball; Anderson, Croft and Rogers; Barber, De Page, Hendy, Hugheson and Huckle.
R.A.S.C.:—Maitson, Hamlin and Blesard; Smart, Young and Hammond; Walton, Morgan, Clark, Wells and Jones.

RUGBY CAPTAIN AWARDED D.S.O.

G. A. Waller, just awarded the D.S.O., is R.A.F.'s Rugby captain and stand-off half for previous days.

5th A.A. Regiment started the Rugby season with a practice game at Sookunpoo yesterday.

SECOND ROUND DRAW IN COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Draw for the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship was made last evening, and as a result the holder, M. N. Rakusen, will meet N. A. E. Mackay at Kowloon Football Club on Monday, September 29, while last year's runner-up, M. R. Abbas, will meet A. E. Carey at Civil Service C.C. on Wednesday, October 1.

M. R. Purvis was drawn against A. Shepherd, but as the latter has left the Colony Purvis was awarded a "walk-over" and thus automatically qualified for the Third Round.

Tarleton, featherweight champion, to a title fight.

Results of the draw were as follows:—

Monday, September 29

At C.S.C.C.	
J. Shepherd	v A. H. Hamjahn
J. H. Gelling	v B. W. Bradbury
At Police R.C.	
W. L. Walker	v D. A. Rozario
At Hong Kong F.C.	
W. K. Way	v E. Zimmern
J. C. Aitken	v W. Ward
At Kowloon F.C.	
J. Noronha	v J. McKelvie
H. White	v C. M. da Silva
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
Y. Abbas	v U. M. Omar
S. M. Rumsdell	v C. Dowman
At Kowloon F.C.	
R. Basa	v A. J. Hall
M. N. Rakusen	v N. A. E. Mackay
At Recreio	
H. Nish	v A. R. Dallah
J. Hempsey	v A. Lapsley

Tuesday, September 30

At C.S.C.C.	
J. Hayward	v T. A. Madar
C. H. Gough	v F. Nolan
At Hong Kong F.C.	
J. C. Gill	v A. Villott
At Kowloon F.C.	
E. A. Atkins	v T. R. Hunter
L. A. Jordan	v H. Overy
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
R. S. Meadows	v E. G. Post
At Recreio	
A. E. P. Guest	v T. Coleman
J. G. Meyer	v R. Leigh

Wednesday, October 1

At C.S.C.C.	
A. Brooksbank	v A. M. Omar
A. E. Carey	v M. R. Abbas
At Hong Kong F.C.	
A. M. Holland	v W. J. Burling
A. W. Hircok	v B. Bisto
At Police R.C.	
H. F. Harper	v W. Hong Sling
W. J. Howard	v H. E. Strange
At Kowloon F.C.	
W. Malr	v M. Ferguson
D. M. Khan	v E. de Souza
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
R. F. da Luz	v F. K. M. Silva
C. G. Silva	v W. C. Elges

PAIRS EVENTS

The Semi-Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship will be played at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday, September 28, commencing at 4 p.m. sharp, as follows:—

K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina or H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro v W. L. Walker and R. Duncan. L. J. Silva and J. S. V. Ribeiro v A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar. In the event of rain the matches will be played on the following Sunday.

FIRST ROUND GAMES COMPLETED

The last two matches in the First Round of Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship were decided last evening at Kowloon Bowling Green Club when R. S. Meadows beat F. Channing 21-18, and H. White beat J. E. Henson 21-14.

The Meadows-Channing match was very evenly contested, the scores at the 20th end being 16-11, after which Meadows scored 21-1, conceded a 2 and then scored the 1 required to give him the match. Meadows scored at 14 ends and scores were—
R. S. Meadows: 0 1 3 0 1 0 1 0 1 3 1 0
F. Channing: 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 2 1 0 1 = 21
F. Channing: 1 0 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 = 10
1 2 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 = 10

White Through

White took 23 ends to beat Henson, scoring at 13 of these to total 21 which gave him a win by 7 shots. Henson opened the scoring with a single, but thereafter White scored 3 2 2 0 3 to lead 10-2 at the 5th. Later a run of 4 0 1 0 1 1 for Henson saw him only two in arrears with the scores at 10-14. Then White finished up with 1 1 2 1 for game, the scores being—
H. White: 0 3 2 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1
J. E. Henson: 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 2 1 0
4 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 = 14



K. W. Choy, Colony Badminton champion, has, contrary to expectations, returned to Hong Kong and is continuing his studies at University.

and second favourite with 100 tickets less, was fourth.

Although van Breukelen won the major race of the afternoon, Saturday was a triumph for trainer R. N. Hobbs, who saddled five winners.

\$73,032 First Prize

The big sweep first prize was \$73,032, the second \$36,516, the third \$18,258 and starters \$2,028.

Saddling nine winners and a dead-heat for first place, nine seconds and 11 thirds, which brought in \$24,265 in stake money, trainer van Breukelen was the most successful trainer at the whole meeting.

Hobbs, who was second with \$19,720 won in stakes, saddled 12 winners, 11 seconds and five thirds.

"Mr. Eddie," who won the Gold Cup with Grand Prix, was leading owner with three winners and a dead-heat for first place, one second and three thirds, which won him \$8,715 in stake money, while "Mr. Wong," with three winners and one second, which realised \$5,270, was second.

Dodd was champion jockey with seven wins, six seconds and three thirds. He was unplaced on 11 occasions. E. Donnelly was second with five firsts, four seconds and three thirds. While Garrard was third with four wins, two seconds and one third. Donnelly and Garrard were unplaced on 13 and 12 occasions respectively.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS ENCOUNTER

The postponed Quarter-Final game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, between S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar and H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro, holders, will be played this afternoon at Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 5.15 p.m.

GOLF ITEMS

VALLEY V KOWLOON NEXT BIG GOLFING FIXTURE IN COLONY

THE NEXT FIXTURE ON ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB'S PROGRAMME IS THE MATCH BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY GOLFERS AND KOWLOON GOLF CLUB, WHICH WILL BE PLAYED AT THE VALLEY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Entries for the Championship of the Colony, to be played at Fanling, close on October 20, and the Championship will be decided on October 26, while the Club Championship First Round matches will be played on November 30.

RETRIEVING, abandoned balls from the rough gorse thickets and other golfing graveyards used to be the caddies' perquisite, writes L. V. Manning.

But such venerable caddies as there are have other things to do in their spare hours these days, and as the balls are now badly needed to make up stock I know one professional who goes a-hunting for them—with a tractor!

The name is Alfred Padgham, and he tells me it is proving quite a helpful new revenue.

His richest prospecting is, of course, in the tiger country, where the grass is longer these days of cut stiffs than normally.

100 PER WEEK

"It is surprising what hauls we get," said Alfred. "I have sent off about a hundred to be reconditioned this week. They come back looking like new and are sold at about half price."

The re-covering of golf balls was a healthy business before the war, but not to anything like the extent it is now.

The new ball quota was fixed on a particularly unfavourable period in the winter before last when snow prevented play on most courses for nearly six weeks.

So the rationing makes things particularly hard on professionals who haven't got deep rough or magnetic ponds.

I wonder whether the pond at Wanstead is as costly as it used to be.

At one time over a thousand balls a year found this watery grave—not all of them mine.

ALMOST IDENTICAL

IT'S funny how the golfing paths of Craig Wood and Denny Shute have run together.

Eight years ago they tied for the British Open and Shute won in a play-off.

Two years ago they tied again in the U.S. Open, along with Byron Nelson. Shute lost out in the first play-off and Nelson won the second extra-hole affair.

And this year Wood won the U.S. Open and Shute was second. A few errant shots in the closing holes and Wood would have tied with Shute for the third time in a major championship.

RACKET V CLUB

THE tantalising stillness of a golf ball, as it sits on its tee-peg, leaving everything to the player, has been

advanced as one reason why many find it harder to hit cleanly than a bounding tennis ball, or a scudding cricket ball, alive with spin, writes the "Christian Science Monitor."

Davis Cup player Adrian K. Quist showed on The Lakes course, in a freak match for patriotic funds, that he could clout a golf ball better with a tennis racket than with the orthodox tools designed for that purpose, although he is a fair golfer (par handicapped 10).

On the tees and along the fairways, Quist tossed the ball up and smote it with something between a service and a forehand drive. On the greens he used a putter. His opponent, New South Wales pro champion, Billy Bolger, played with a full set of clubs.

With a strong wind side-on at the 8th (440 yards), Quist reached the green in two catgut strokes. Dead into the wind, he put his tee-serve on the 14th green (182 yards).

Downwind at the 18th (473 yards) his second shot finished close to the green. Quist cannot get that distance with golf clubs.

STRUNG THEM OUT

HIS girl caddy, Miss Nancy Burleigh, carried five rackets, which proved to be a sufficient allowance for wear and tear on the strings.

Under the conditions of the match, bunkers, rough, and bad lies didn't mean a thing to Quist, because he picked his ball up for each stroke; but he was rarely off the line.

Bolger was surprised to find that a golf ball could be hit so far and accurately with a racket. He had thought that the racket would have to be strung with fencing-wire to send the ball 200 yards.

The weakest part of Quist's game was not his racket play, but when he discarded that stringed instrument and changed to his putter. Bolger, who won 7 and 6, thought that the change from racket to putter affected Quist's touch on the greens.

WOMEN'S SECTION MEETING

The Autumn Meeting of Women's Section of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held its Autumn Meeting at Deep Water Bay yesterday and \$630 was collected for the British War Organisation Fund.

Mrs. Prophet won the Tombstone competition, finishing up on the 17th green. Mrs. Gerondal won the Hidden Spot tourney.

Golf was played throughout the day and in the afternoon there was bridge and mahjong in the Clubhouse.

Prizes were presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Geo. Falconer and Company, the Caravan, Madame Lebon, John D. Hutchison and Company, Dunlop Rubber Company, Mrs. Butlin and members of the Committee.

ARMY TENNIS TOURNEY

Two Third Round matches in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Championship were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday.

W. A. Reed beat R. Pinder 6-0, 6-1, though the game was much better than the scores would indicate, while in another game 8/Sergt. Emberson beat Sergt. Musson 6-4 and 6-1.

RATCLIFFE 29 OUT OF 74 AND 6 FOR 26

Spr. Ratcliffe, Engineers' all-round sportsman, distinguished himself with bat and ball in an inter-Company cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, making 29 out of 74 for 22nd Coy., and then going on to take 6 wickets for 26 runs to help dismiss 40th Fortress Coy. for 59, and give his side a 15 runs victory.

Sergt. Shipp took 7 wickets for 24 runs for the losers, for whom Spr. Tropp was top-scorer with 15 runs.

AMATEUR A.A. MEETING

A meeting will be held in the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., at 6.45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, when officers of the proposed Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, to be later affiliated with the English A.A.A., will be elected.

All Clubs, Universities, Colleges and the Services will be circumscribed and invited to send a delegate to the meeting.

TO-DAY'S BASKETBALL

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Open Basketball League.

V.R.C. v Trojans
Yu Leang v Chinese Y.M.C.A.

MISS P. BERG LIMITS MEN'S EDGE IN GOLF

If any one ever invents a gadget guaranteed to get girls a bit more distance off the tee, then America's top-flight women golfers will be able to compete on even terms with the male stars.

At least, that's the conviction of Miss Patty Berg, red-haired, freckled professional from Minneapolis, recent winner of the Western open golf championship. Patty, who doesn't ask odds from any one on the golf course, had her say while acting as referee in the final match of the first women's inter-collegiate golf championship.

Rates Short Holes Even

"Off the tee, men have a decided advantage," she said, "but the girls can give them a pretty fair tussle the rest of the way. On holes short enough for us to get home with a wood and an iron, we are just as good as the men. They may get close enough to use a long one, but that doesn't bother our better women players."

"Close to the green, and on the putting surface, the girls can make any shot as well as the men, and as a rule the feminine putting touch is better."

The petite professional admitted

APOSTOLI ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

Freddie Apostoli, former middleweight boxing champion, was a step farther along the comeback trail on September 16 and Joe Spangler, his overweight welterweight opponent, was in a Norfolk hospital suffering from a broken jaw.

Apostoli knocked out Spangler in 2 minutes 40 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round fight. Apostoli drove his opponent through the ropes with a volley of rights and lefts that broke his jaw.



that the men, having stronger wrists, hit firmer chip shots than the girls. Most of the women "flick" the shorter ones.

Results About Same

"But most of the girls 'flick' them pretty well," she said, "and the results are about the same as the men get, despite the difference in the method of making the shot."

(Patty "flicked" one into the cup from eighty yards for an eagle deuce at Cincinnati when she beat Miss Betty Jamieson of San Antonio, Texas, in the semi-finals of the women's Western open.)

"I don't say that our better women golfers could do much good in a men's tournament," Miss Berg said, "but give any of our leading players a way to get that ball out there even with the men on the first shot, and you'll see some close matches between the men and the women."

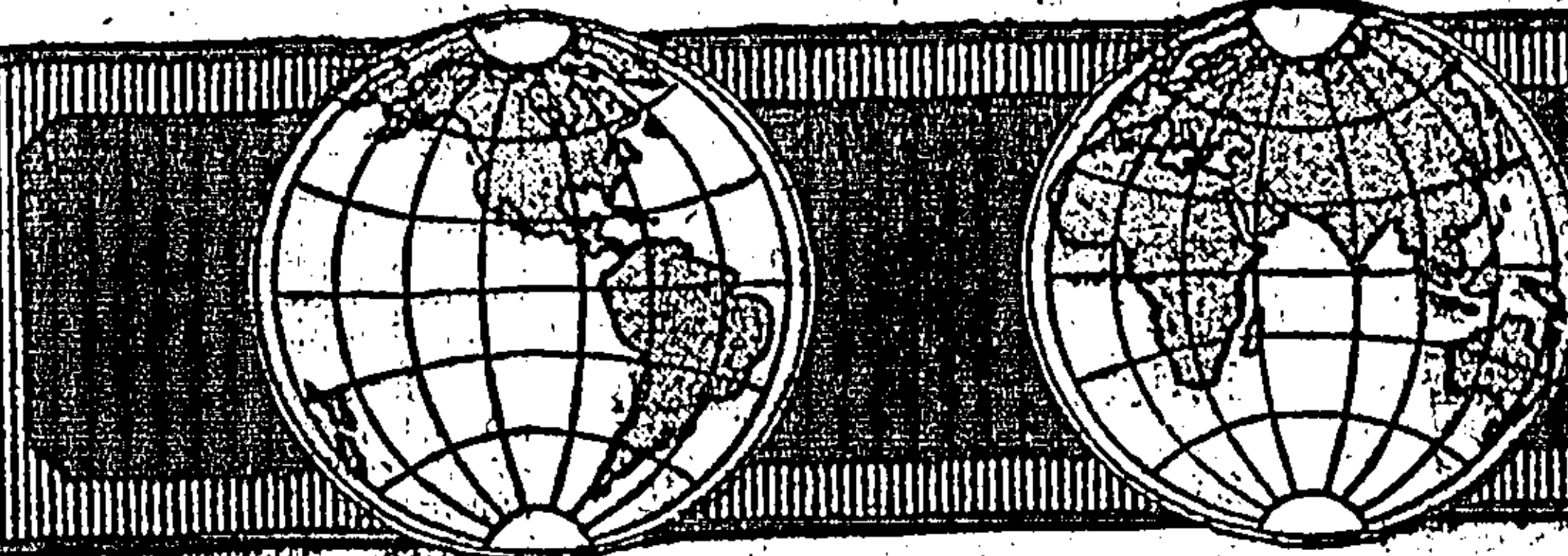
RESUMPTION OF DAVIS CUP?

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, predicts a resumption of Davis Cup tennis next year. Sir Norman based his prediction upon Russia's entry into the war, which he said "assures us of a comparatively early victory."

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The postponed Third Division Lawn Tennis League games between Chinese Recreation Club (2) and Kowloon Indian Tennis Club and Army and Craigengower Cricket Club will be played this afternoon.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerveiness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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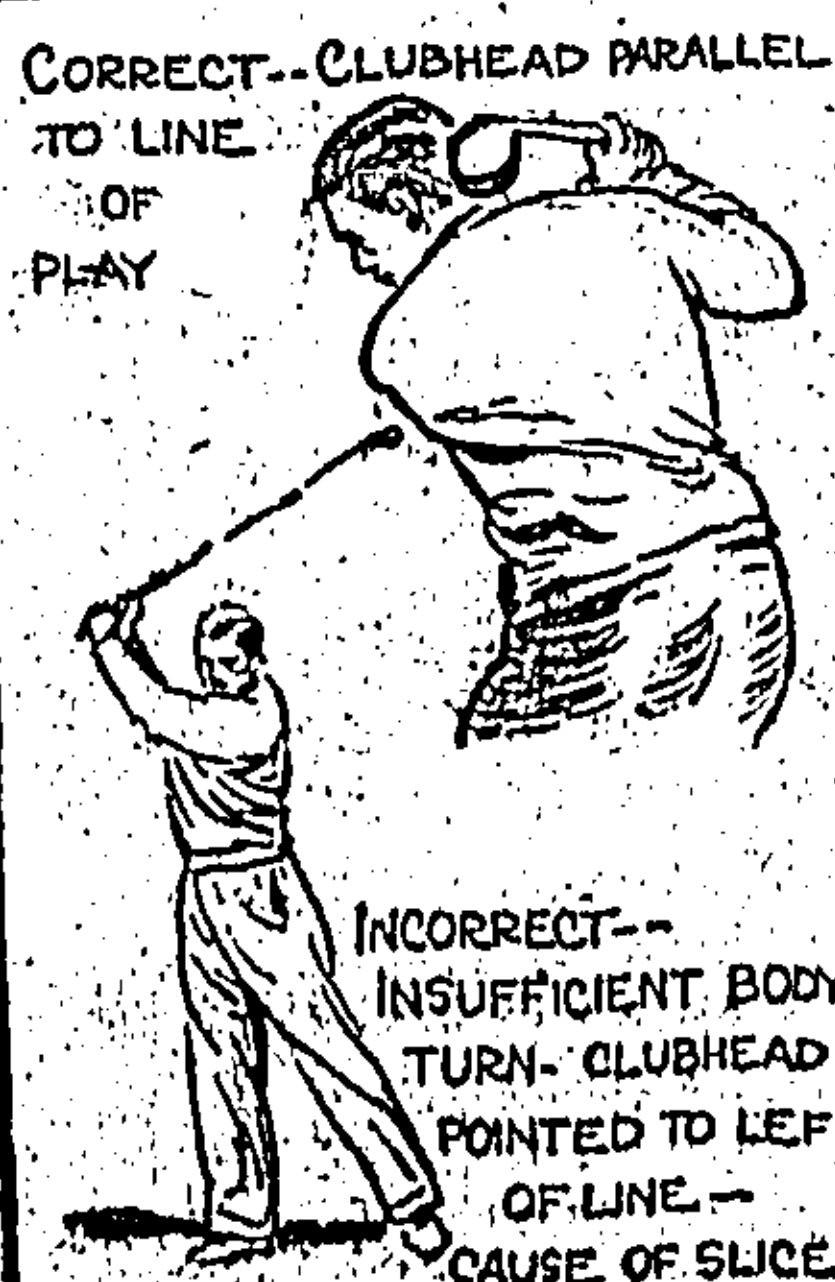
FAILURE TO PIVOT By Best Ball

While some golfers hesitate to make a full body turn for fear of misfitting, it is often this very failure to pivot sufficiently that causes difficulties. By observing the position of the clubhead at the top of the swing, it is often possible to determine a slicing fault. For instance, too restricted a body pivot in the backswing will result in the clubhead pointing to the left of the direction of play instead of parallel to it, the orthodox method.

The result of such a position is that on the clubhead's descent, it will come down in an arc outside the line of play and cut across the ball to the inside. This outside-in impact is a common cause of slicing.

NEXT ARTICLE:—

Most Important Golf Hand.



THE EPIC OF ODESSA

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GREEK KING ON CONTROL OF THE SEAS

KING GEORGE OF THE HELLENES, BROADCASTING TO GREECE LAST NIGHT FROM LONDON, SAID ANYONE WHO CROSSED THE ATLANTIC MUST BE IMPRESSED BY THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE SEAS EXERCISED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The King added: "He who finds himself to-day in this mighty outpost of civilisation, this impregnable fortress—he who witnesses the steadily increasing strength of Britain and her Allies and the incomparable fortitude of the British people—cannot possibly doubt the certainty of victory."—Reuter.

AUCHINLECK AT SUEZ

THE BRITISH C-IN-C. MIDDLE EAST, GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINLECK, PAID TWO VISITS TO THE SUEZ CANAL AREA DURING THE WEEK-END.

During an inspection of the docks he boarded a U.S. cargo vessel unloading there.

Later he inspected a battalion of the Rajputana Regiment, took the salute at the march past and lunched with the regiment. He also inspected Rampur infantry, visited a heavy A.A. battery and talked to Italian prisoners. —Reuter.

Rumanians Suffer Huge Losses

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the heroic defence of the Black Sea port of Odessa was given yesterday in a Tass agency report from the city.

The report says repeated Rumanian attacks were broken up with heavy losses. "In an effort to advance along the entire sector held by the formation of Commander Ivan Petrov the enemy hurled in eight or nine divisions."

"Pressing their advance the Rumanians drove a wedge nearly a mile into our positions, throwing a second large force into the gap to support the first."

"The success of the attack seemed assured but at this point the Soviet artillery came into action."

The despatch described how the guns at point-blank range mowed down the attackers and the attack spent itself. The enemy began to retreat, leaving the valley filled with dead and wounded, one Rumanian battalion being completely annihilated.

"The wedge had been cut off at its base and the front line straightened out. Attempts to break through on other sectors of the front were repulsed everywhere."

Fresh Blow

"In the evening the enemy began to mass large forces in gullies

ready for a fresh blow but no sooner was the attack launched than it met a hail of grenades and machine-gun bullets.

"A detachment commanded by Kovtun repulsed the Rumanians' attack and even advanced at several points."

THE DESPATCH POINTS OUT THAT THE DEFENCE OF ODESSA, WHERE THE FRONT IS SHAPED LIKE A NARROW HORSESHOE WITH THE ENDS RESTING ON THE BLACK SEA, HAS ALREADY LASTED ONE MONTH AND A HALF.

"The names of the gallant defenders are renowned over the whole front," the message adds. "Everyone speaks with deep admiration and affection of Ivan Petrov."

"In the worst moments, when it seems that even the iron will and strongest nerves will give way, this valiant and cool-headed commander appears among the troops bringing with him an atmosphere of courage and serene confidence." —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN CAINE ROAD SHORTLY BEFORE 8.30 A.M. THIS MORNING WHEN A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL, ON HER WAY TO SCHOOL, WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY A BUS, THE LEFT REAR WHEEL OF THE VEHICLE PASSING OVER HER HEAD.

The bus, No. 622, was proceeding from west to east when at the junction of Old Bailey, the girl darted across the road in front of the vehicle. The driver, Wong Hing-kiu, applied the brakes but was unable to pull up in time.

Three police titles are to be changed by resolution to be introduced in Legislative Council tomorrow. The D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes Director, Special Branch, and the A.D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes A.D.S.B. The Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Crime) becomes Director of Criminal Investigation. Council will also take the second and third readings of five Bills, including the betting duty amendment ordinance, the Bill giving the police the status of militia in time of war, and the amending Bill affecting the H.K. Corps of Air Raid Wardens.

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When the children arrive each night, they dash into the farmyard and romp on heaps of straw, shouting, laughing and singing.

Mrs. McFadzean leads them into a big, light and airy building which, until recently, was the piggery of a modern experimental farm.

It is divided into a dozen pigsties with low walls and separate doors leading from aisles. The floors are covered thickly with fresh clean straw. In each sty are a dozen evacuees.

When the piggery was full, Mrs. McFadzean took families to the granary. Then she went back to the road to look for more people seeking refuge.

Hot Tea From W.V.S.

Every night, when Mrs. McFadzean's big family has settled down, the village W.V.S. bring them plenty of hot tea. Home Guards and special constables patrol round the farm all night.

In the morning everyone on the farm is up early. Everything is left clean and tidy before the trackers go back into the city.

ROBBER KILLERS

A Chinese trader was shot dead by robbers who raided his hut in Kut-O Village, Shataukok, yesterday morning. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

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Give Facts To America

Major William Dwight Whitney, personal assistant to Mr. Averell Harriman, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the English-Speaking Union in London yesterday, made a strong plea for America to be given the facts.

They could then understand Britain's will to win, he added. Major Whitney said that if the British expected decisive action from the Americans it was necessary to give them a full picture of the situation.

It was necessary before an attitude of expectancy might legitimately be assumed at all.—*Reuter.*

SIR PAUL LATHAM SENTENCED

CAPTAIN SIR HERBERT PAUL LATHAM, AGED 38, FORMER M.P. FOR SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY, WHO WAS RECENTLY TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO BE CASHIERED AND IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT HARD LABOUR.

Capt. Latham, who was attached to the 70th Searchlight Regiment of the Royal Artillery, had been found guilty on 11 charges under the Army Act, 10 of them alleging disgraceful conduct of an improper kind while on active service and the eleventh attempted suicide.

Latham had pleaded not guilty to a total of 14 charges on three of which he was found not guilty.—*Reuter.*

FIGHTING A COMMON BATTLE

"FROM THE MOMENT RUSSIA CAME INTO THE WAR WE HAVE BEEN DOING OUR BEST TO SEND HELP IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY," DECLARED MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT A LUNCHEON ORGANISED BY EX-OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL TANK REGIMENT.

"We are fighting a common battle and obviously it is commonsense and right that we should do our utmost to support our Allies in every way."

Mr. Attlee added: "We shall beat the Germans with our tanks not only because of the skill and courage of our men but because of the skill, inventiveness, and devotion of our engineers"—*Reuter.*

Conflict Of View In Turkey

BAYONET CHARGE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

The Germans have been driven back seven miles after a Russian bayonet charge on one sector of the Leningrad front, says the official Russian news agency quoted by *Reuter.*

AMERICANS JOIN ARMY IN CANADA

Ten thousand U.S. citizens are now serving in the Canadian Army.

This was revealed in Quebec yesterday by the Minister for National War Services, Mr. J. T. Thorson.

He added that Americans make up eight per cent. of all air crews, pilots, observers and gunners training under the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme, while 600 Americans were acting as instructors at training centres.

Mr. Thorson said the strength of Canada's active service army to-day numbers 30,000 men.—*Reuter.*

Pudding Mail

One hundred soldiers have been loaned to the Army Post Office to cope with the enormous last-minute rush of Christmas postings to the forces in the Middle East, India and Malaya.

A large number of army lorries have been requisitioned to ensure that the gigantic mail reaches the ships in time.

Latest figures of Christmas postings show more than 2,000,000 letters and cards and 250,000 parcels, many bearing the label "Not to be opened until Christmas Day."

Sixty per cent. contain pud-

TRAVELLERS REACHING ANKARA REPORT THAT VERY ACTIVE MILITARY PREPARATIONS CONTINUE IN BULGARIA AND THAT THE GERMANS ARE TAKING OVER THE BULGARIAN RAILWAYS FOR THEIR OWN USE.

All foreigners in Bulgaria, it is reported, are closely watched by the police. The staffs of the Soviet Legation and consulates are unable to leave the premises without being watched by Gestapo agents.

There are at present only four Soviet women in Bulgaria.

In Ankara diplomatic circles' opinions are divided regarding German activities in Bulgaria. Some observers take the view that they are intended to facilitate an attack by sea against the Caucasus.

OTHERS SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BRING PRESSURE ON TURKEY

British Advance at Tobruk

Yesterday's Cairo G.H.Q. communique announced that the British forces at Tobruk are steadily penetrating beyond the perimeter defences.

The communique stated: "As a result of their victorious patrolling activities our forces at Tobruk are steadily enlarging the area outside our perimeter defences which the enemy is forced nightly to evacuate."

"In the frontier area aggressive action by our patrols is continuing."—*Reuter.*

IRAN'S BREAK WITH THE AXIS

The Iranian Government has recalled its diplomatic representatives from Germany, Italy and Rumania, says *Reuter* from Teheran.

dings and cakes and at the Army Post Office the whole consignment is known as the "pudding mail."—*Reuter.*

TURKS REJECT AXIS DEMAND, SAYS REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

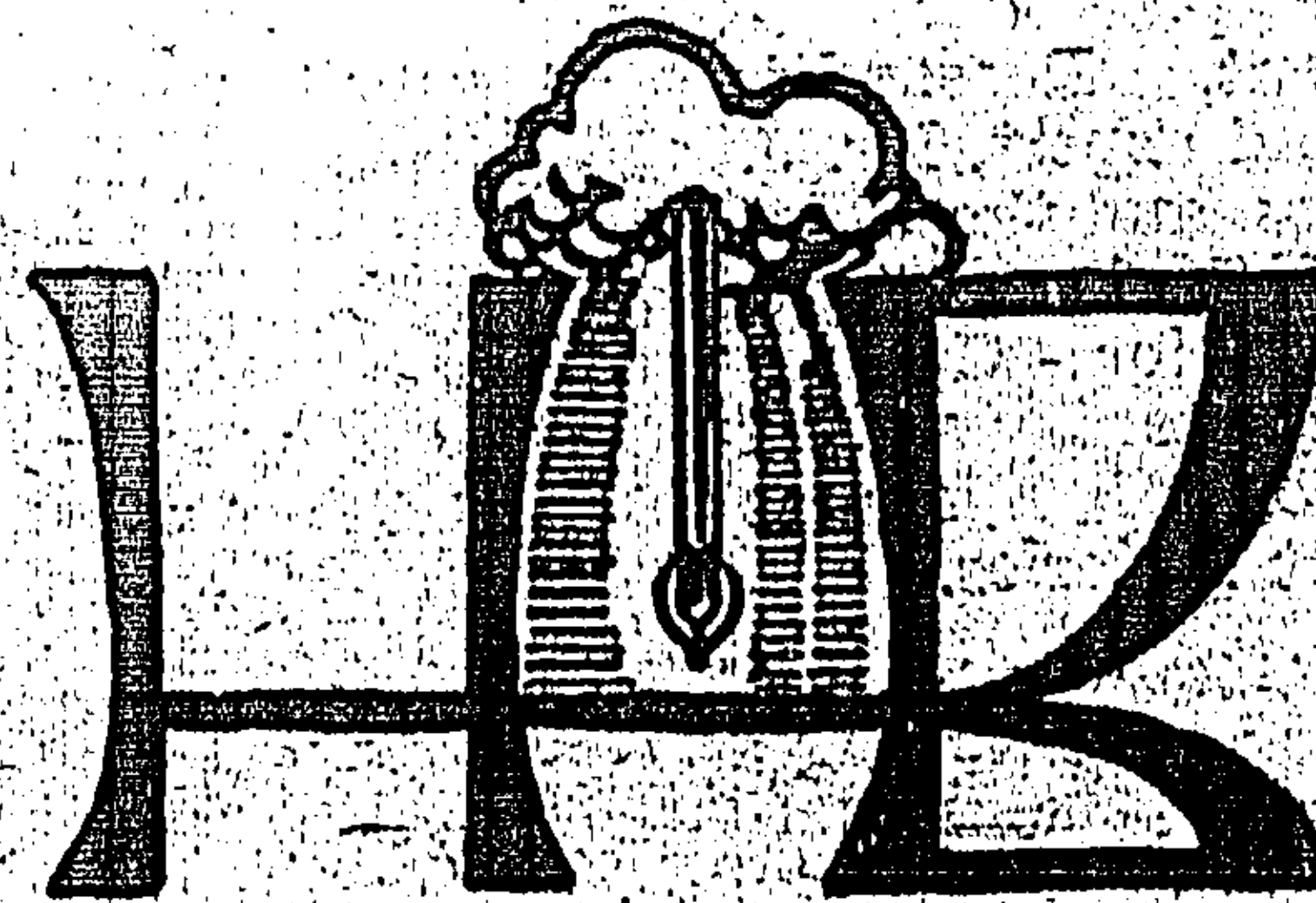
The "Daily Mail" said yesterday that the Turks have rejected an Axis demand for the passage of Italian ships under the Bulgarian flag through the Dardanelles.—*International News Service.*

LEASE, LEND FOR RUSSIA POSSIBLE

The American administrator of the Lease-Lend programme, Mr. Stettinius, has urged the House of Representatives sub-committee for appropriations, which is considering the latest Lease-Lend Appropriation Bill, to reject any prohibitions which would bar aid to Russia, according to information from informed House members.

Mr. Stettinius explained that it is not the U.S. Government's policy now to extend aid to Russia through the Lease-Lend programme but he emphasised that in view of the uncertainty of the future any restrictive provisions would be especially undesirable.—*Reuter.*

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Russians Fighting Hard To Evade Kiev Encirclement

Substantial Force Withdrawn

(Military Commentary by "Annalist")

DESPITE THE MOUNTING GERMAN CLAIMS REGARDING THEIR SUCCESSES AT KIEV, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT MARSHAL BUDENNY WITHDREW A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF HIS FORCES AND THOSE THREATENED WITH ENCIRCLEMENT ARE STILL FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESCAPE.

The Germans admit this resistance but allege that an increasing tendency towards disintegration is becoming apparent.

JAPANESE ATTACK IN HUNAN

Over 15,000 Japanese officers and men had been killed and wounded up to Monday in their drive southward from Yochow, according to a Chinese military communique.

The Japanese, the communique stated, have thrown approximately five divisions in to the battle in addition to over 200 steam launches for landing operations and upwards of 100 military planes.

The battle ground covers 70 kilometres both ways with the nearest Japanese spearhead over 80 kilometres to the north of Changsha along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Latest field dispatches revealed that in face of vigorous Chinese counter-attacks, the Japanese have held large reserves behind their frontline and it is too early to predict whether the enemy will pour in reinforcements or retreat.

The communique suggests that if the enemy does not break the present stalemate soon, there is a possibility of the invaders along the Milo River being completely surrounded.—Central News.

AMERICAN EXPERTS IMPRESSED

President Roosevelt's Lease-Lend expert, Mr. J. D. Biggers, and the Chief of the U.S. Army Ordnance, Major-General Wesson, yesterday visited a number of Midlands armament factories.

Their object was to get further information on the manner in which American factories can cooperate and co-ordinate their output in conjunction with British output.

Both visitors declared themselves deeply impressed with what they saw.

Mr. Biggers said: "I was particularly impressed by the manner in which British manufacturers have converted peacetime machinery to the manufacture of war materials. We shall profit by your experience."—Reuter.

It is perhaps unkind to remind them that they made a similar allegation just eight weeks ago and the disintegration has proved to exist only in their imagination.

Similarly stories of Soviet officers and political commissars abandoning their men can be taken as wishful thinking.

All evidence received from the Russian front has shown the splendid morale of the Russian soldiers and the remarkable comradeship between officers and men which had not proved subversive to discipline.

Although the situation east of Kiev is admittedly confused, thus giving German propaganda an opportunity to exercise its inventiveness, news from Leningrad and Odessa is more clear-cut and distinctly more favourable.

Appalling Losses

Appalling losses have been inflicted upon the German attackers and the Russians have actually gained ground in counter-attacks.

The slaughter among German officers has been particularly heavy, and confirmation of this fact has been found in the captured diary of a Nazi officer of the 93rd Division.

THE WEATHER SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN IN THE LENINGRAD AREA AND THE NIGHTS ARE INTENSELY COLD. RAINS AND MIST ARE IMPEDING OPERATIONS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEFENCE.

In the extreme south, at Odessa, a number of unsuccessful attacks have been severely punished by the Russian defenders and it is reported the Rumanians have had to be stiffened with German reinforcements.

Severe Mauling

In the central sector, successful Russian counter-attacks are reported in the neighbourhood of Glukhov, where one of the pincer arms of Marshal von Bock's troops beyond Gomel has been severely mauled.

At Smolensk, too, the initiative is still with Marshal Timoshenko, although it may be expected the Germans will now devote more of their attention to this sector, where they have been driven back as much as 30 miles in places.

After 92 days of violent battle the Russians are still fighting strongly and the only one of their main objectives captured by the Germans is Kiev, the least important militarily and strategically compared with Leningrad or Moscow.—Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT AIR VISITORS

Regarding daylight air activity over Britain yesterday the official communique states there is nothing to report.—British Wireless.

WINTER CAMPAIGN

DESCRIBING GERMANY'S PREPARATIONS FOR A WINTER CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA, THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY STRESSED THEIR EFFECT ON THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR CIVILIAN USE.

The correspondent stated that shops selling furs, boots, clothing, overcoats, woollen goods and body and bed linen lack materials containing natural products.

Leather goods have been practically unobtainable for a year.—Reuter.

NAZIS IMPRESSED BY LENINGRAD DEFENCE SYSTEM

THE SUPERIORITY of the Leningrad defence system compared to the Maginot Line, both as regards the number of fortifications and their adaptation to the swampy terrain, is admitted in the German "Militaerische Korrespondenz und Deutschland."

It says: "The French fought with traditional bravery but without the deep political conviction which makes the Russians more stubborn and is causing heavy losses."

It says the Russian defences have proved "extraordinarily severe obstacles" consisting of huge tank traps and rows—often 10 or 12 miles deep—of pine trunks rammed several yards into the earth, as well as pine trees cut down a yard above

the ground, concrete pyramids and barbed wire.

Garrisons were able to occupy the great ring of forts immediately the squads of civil workers had finished their construction, it adds.

The forts are fully protected against all but the heaviest bombs and shells.

Tribute is also paid to the garrisons formed by Leningrad factory workers which "have proved excellent" despite their very short training.

AIR ATTACKS ARE OF LITTLE USE IN THESE SECTORS, THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES.—REUTER.

REST CURE FOR TIRED AIRMEN

A contented group of airmen sprawl on the deck of a luxurious house-boat, watching a felucca, with its graceful, towering sail, glide serenely past them on the placid Nile. Only two or three days ago they were with their squadrons among the choking dust and sandstorms of the desert. To-day, they are unbelievably at ease, beside the green fields and still waters.

The houseboat is part of the magnificent effort which the Gezira Club in Cairo is making on behalf of British soldiers and airmen. Moored alongside Gezira Island, it has accommodation for 30 airmen and 30 soldiers in its handsome cabins. The occupants are put up for seven days, free of charge, after a spell of Libyan warfare, the change is heavenly to tired men.

Although the boat is called the "Puritan" there is a bar, a board, as well as baths, reading rooms, and practically every other amenity which Libya hasn't got.

The Club runs a pension in Cairo on the same lines. It has, in addition, set aside one of its polo grounds for hockey, football and cricket pitches for the troops.

VON PAPEN RETURNS TO TURKEY

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, arrived back in Turkey by air yesterday from his visit to Germany, according to an Istanbul telegram to Berlin.

Von Papen proceeded to the summer residence of the German Embassy at Therapia, the telegram adds.—Reuter.

GERMAN TERROR METHODS

Evidence is reaching London of the brutality of German methods of "occupation" in different parts of Europe.

The German news agency states that 50 Croats have been shot in Zagreb as "intellectual perpetrators" of an explosion in a telephone exchange in which several German soldiers were injured.

From Belgium comes news that 25 Belgians held as hostages at Tournai for the killing of two German policemen on September 17 will be executed if the perpetrators are not discovered within 10 days. The Germans announce that in future five hostages will be shot for every act of violence against German soldiers and all Belgians now in prison will be treated as such hostages.

German military headquarters in Lille announce the execution of three Frenchmen while four fresh death sentences have been passed in Paris.

The German so-called new order thus has all the marks of the old ruthlessness which the Nazi mentality imagines as the only possible treatment of nations writhing under alien domination and its failure is admitted by this resort to the time-honoured method of brutality which is likely to make oppressed populations more determined to bring eventual retribution on the Nazis.—British Wireless.

POLICE TITLES TO BE CHANGED

Three police titles are to be changed by resolution to be introduced in Legislative Council tomorrow. The D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes Director, Special Branch, and the A.D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes A.D.S.B. The Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Crime) becomes Director of Criminal Investigation.

Council will also take the second and third readings of five Bills, including the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, the Bill giving the police the status of militia in time of war, and the amending Bill affecting the H.K. Corps of Air Raid Wardens.

Stung By Wasp He Still Sat

A WASP STING nearly spoilt the chance of a nineteen-year-old prefect of Douglas High School sitting for a vital examination.

Walter Callister had been accepted as a student at Manchester University to train for the teaching profession, provided he obtained higher school certificate.

Working in the garden on the eve of the examination, Walter was stung on the back of the right hand by a wasp.

At once the hand began to swell, and was still bandaged and unusable next morning when he reached the school.

He saw no hope of taking the vital physics paper due to be sat in the afternoon.

The headmaster, Mr. A. H. Sykes, was determined that all the hard work which the youth had put into his preparation should not be sacrificed without an effort. He put through a long-distance call to the secretary of the Joint

Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities, asking if the paper could be postponed for the Manx candidates.

He Got His Chance

The secretary was sympathetic, but sorry it couldn't be done. But in the exceptional circumstances, he said, the board would be prepared to allow the boy to dictate the paper.

The suggestion was eagerly accepted and that afternoon a form-master wrote to the scholar's dictation and Walter got his chance.

REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT

Crippling, Asserts Col. Knox Battleship For Atlantic Sweep

AFTER WATCHING THE HUGE NEW 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP "MASSACHUSETTS" LAUNCHED BEFORE A THOUSAND CHEERING PEOPLE YESTERDAY MORNING, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, DECLARED THE NEUTRALITY ACT IS "CRIPPLING" THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTRY AND SAID IT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPEALED.

"There should be no handicap on those trying to keep the war away from these shores," Col. Knox said. "We must waste no time in repealing the Neutrality Act."

The "Massachusetts" was launched without incident and even before her bow touched the water the keel for a new cruiser, the U.S.S. Flint, was laid on the spot she had just vacated.

Sea Power

Declaring that if American security was to be maintained the United States must "rely for years to come on the dominance of sea power," Col. Knox added, "It is essential that aid should be sent when and where it is needed."

"Our task is to keep the fighting away from America. Let us free the hands of our Commander-in-Chief," (President Roosevelt).

Col. Knox asserted that recent events on the Russian front "made the prospects of Russian victory dim."

He need not elaborate on this statement except to say that casualties in Russia were greater than in any other conflict in history, and that the fighting in Russia "has a direct bearing on our own situation."

For Atlantic Duty

Col. Knox said it was possible the battleship just launched might have to "participate in another fight for human liberty."

He declared that the "Massachusetts" and other ships recently launched or building would carry the heaviest guns afloat and would participate in the job handed over to the Navy of seeing that the sea lanes between America and Britain are kept free.

Repeal of the Neutrality Act was also advocated yesterday by Mr. John Green, President of the Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America.

No Turning Back

Speaking at the Union's National Convention at Atlantic City, he said: "We support President Roosevelt's foreign policy."

"We agree with his pronouncements. We agree with the eight-point programme. President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill gave the world, and we agree with his actions to implement these pronouncements, and we say there is no turning back."

"If the Neutrality Act is in the way let it be wiped off the Statute Books,"—Reuter.

ARMING U.S. MERCHANT SHIPPING

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that the Administration is studying the question of arming American merchant ships, says Reuter from Washington.

FINNS MEET WITH SHARP REVERSE AT MAKESYACH

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow.)

FOUR BATTALIONS of Finns have been forced out of fortified positions in the neighbourhood of Makesyach and a large number killed, according to the Soviet army organ "Red Star" yesterday.

The Finns had established themselves in trenches and machine-gun nests, put down field mines and made full use of the terrain, which is broken country with woods and marshes and stretches of poor soil, with large granite boulders.

LITTLE OLD WOMAN—AGED 13

Clasping her hands in front of her, 13-year-old Betty stood in Swansea Juvenile Court and listened to the justices discuss a future in which she is to have a new home and "parents" who will give her love and happiness.

She was charged with stealing a £1 note from a neighbour's home.

Betty had told a big policeman, "For two months I have been keeping house for my father, brother and two sisters. One of them is paralysed."

2s. 6d. For Food

"I get up at 5.30 every morning to get my father food."

"He gives me half a crown now and again during the week to get food for the family and complains

After lengthy scouting of the enemy positions the Soviet troops made a feint attack in front while the main force attacked from the flank and ejected the Finns from a series of positions.

The "Red Star" also declares that two regiments of the 102nd German Infantry Division have been defeated, two battalions being completely smashed, in fighting near a place described by the initial "L" on the north-western sector of the front, which the enemy had seized.

The Soviet troops, says the newspaper, advanced under artillery cover and engaged the enemy with bayonets. The engagement developed into a larger battle, resulting in the throwing back of two German regiments.—Reuter.

when he cannot get the food and tobacco he needs.

"I cannot get much food for half a crown, but I make a list to show him how the money is spent."

Betty, who was described by the justices' clerk as a "little old woman of 13," said her father threw her out into the road one night and she was given a bed by neighbours.

Betty was accompanied in court by two women neighbours, who kissed her when the justices adjourned the case for a week and arranged for her to go to a shelter for girls.

THIRD OF GERMAN ARMY CLAIMED HORS-DE-COMBAT

SPEAKING IN LONDON yesterday the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, said that at a moderate estimate German losses in the east were some 3,000,000 killed, wounded and missing, and in three months the number of 'planes destroyed was something like 8,500. About one-third of the entire German army was now hors-de-combat.

Russia was not fighting for herself alone but for the security and freedom of other nations, declared M. Maisky, adding "The fate of humanity for many generations to come is being decided around Leningrad and in the Ukraine."

There was no doubt that Hitler's original plan had been upset and the blitzkrieg had failed miserably. German losses were colossal and the figures issued by the German Command a few days ago could be considered utterly ridiculous.

M. Maisky gave the Russian estimate of German losses but added nevertheless hard facts proved the German war machine was still strong, and Russia was facing an immensely difficult situation.

Too much reliance should not be placed on such uncertainties as "General Winter" and "General Mud."

With the modern technique of war these factors had been considerably minimised and, by now, perhaps "General Winter" had been reduced to Colonel and "General Mud" to Major or Lieutenant.

No Standstill

The war on the eastern front would not be at a standstill either in the autumn or winter and the Soviet people did not base their views on such a doubtful calculation.

Russia too had suffered heavy losses. The enemy had occupied important industrial districts and the Russians had been obliged to evacuate a number of factories and plants and some time must elapse before they could start again on new sites.

That made it more difficult for Russia to replace losses in material and it was at this juncture that the other freedom-loving nations must step into the breach.

Right To Expect

"The Soviet people," he declared, "have the right to expect that cooperation, as they are fighting heroically—men, women and even children—not only for themselves but for the freedom and security of other countries."

"All these other countries cannot but realise that in sending aeroplanes and tanks to the Soviet Union they are in fact rendering aid to themselves"—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was distinctly cheerful under the leadership of gilt-edged securities where gains up to 3/8 were recorded. Especially good features also were home rails, where Great Western were two higher at 4 1/4, and Courtaulds were 1/8 up at 32 1/2 on expectations of an early Government statement on viscose valuation. Elsewhere tobaccos were prominently firm. Shells and Mexican Eagles among oils were firm. Japanese bonds rallied slightly. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

MANCHESTER GIRL'S ESCAPE

A Manchester girl who escaped from Brussels to France, only to be hounded far south by the invaders, described how at one town a hotel keeper reopened the hotel for refugees and refused payment.

At the frontier station two old women pressed the Gold Cross of Lorraine, emblem of Free France, into the Manchester girl's hand, saying: "Tell General de Gaulle, tell England, we are counting on them."—British Wireless.

RED CROSS FUND BENEFITS

Sir Courtauld Thomson, Chairman of Red Cross sales, yesterday handed a cheque for £30,000 to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. Included in the amount, which comprises the proceeds of Red Cross sales, is £700 realised by the King's gift of wine at the first Red Cross wine sale. With the addition of this cheque the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund was increased by £32,020.—British Wireless.

MR. CHURCHILL LUNCHEONS AT PALACE

Mr. Churchill, who was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, remained to lunch. The King also received Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States.—Reuter.

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BIG IMPROVEMENT ON THE FOOD FRONT IN BRITAIN

NEW IMPROVEMENTS IN BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.

The price of a 4-lb. white loaf of bread will, with certain small exceptions, be reduced from 8½d. to 8d. from October 6.

The Ministry also announced that the U.S. is sending a million cases of canned salmon under the Lease-Lend facilities while Canada is also sending one million cases.

This, with considerably increased imports of canned pilchards and herrings, will mean that during the third year of war the available supply of canned fish will exceed even that of pre-war years.

Controlled prices of several kinds of fresh fish are now being reduced.

The Ministry spokesman said that while it was not desirable to reveal total imports of foodstuffs from the U.S. it could be said the U.S. will be sending 255 million lbs. of cheese.

Changing Methods

The U.S. and the Dominions, he said, were changing their agricultural methods to suit British requirements. Thus New Zealand was changing from butter to cheese-making and Australia was making similar efforts, while Canada had undertaken to increase fourfold her export of bacon.

The spokesman further indicated that the Ministries of Food and Health are considering additional measures to control the price and quality of substitutes for eggs and various fruits in order to secure quality and prevent fraud.—Reuter.

SOLDIER LOVES HIS PET LIONS

Five lions and lionesses roared a welcome to Private Sidney Howes, of the R.A.S.C. when he visited them on the first day of his leave.

The lions are in big iron cages in a field at Bromyard, Worcestershire, and Howes, an ex-lion tamer, had not seen them since he joined the Army three months ago.

When he walked into the field he shouted to the lions in German. They recognised him at once, and fought to lick his hands as he stroked them and called them each by name.

Leading two lions — Pasha and Olaf — from their circus box into an iron cage, Howes stayed with them for nearly an hour.

At his command they sprang on to boxes, sat on their hind legs and stroked him with their paws.

Howes then stepped into the cage with three sister lionesses—Addis, Baby and Victoria.

"After The Missus"

"After the missus and the two kiddies the lions come next," Howes, who is 31, told the "Daily Mirror."

"I have been taming lions since I was a boy. I have known these lions for six years. The war held up our circus and I was called up."

"In my Army medical records my distinguishing marks have been put down as scars on my back that I received from a lion."

"A German lion tamer taught me my job, and that is why I still talk to the lions in German."

2,000 FLYING HOURS WITHOUT ACCIDENT

A COASTAL COMMAND SQUADRON HAS THE ENVIABLE RECORD OF TWO THOUSAND HOURS OF OPERATIONAL FLYING IN THREE MONTHS WITHOUT A SINGLE ACCIDENT.

Much of this flying was done by night, and in adverse weather and the intense cold and snow storms early this year.

During these months the aircraft of the squadron have provided escort and protection to many convoys and have intercepted several enemy aircraft attempting to bomb British and Allied vessels in the Atlantic.

MAN FINED £8,000

A fine of £8,000 was imposed at Bow Street on Louis Abramovitch, merchant, of Park Road, Southport, said to be trading in Manchester, for failing to offer 17,500 U.S. dollars (present value about £4,400) for sale to the Treasury.

Mr. A. Lawson-Walton, prosecuting, said that on September 1, 1939, after the Defence (Finance) Regulations had been published, the dollars, with other money, were transferred by a trust deed in favour of a relative in New York.

There was no consideration for the transfer, and the deed was revocable by Abramovitch's brother, Jack who was then in Canada.

Clevery Organised

It was suggested that this was a scheme cleverly organised to keep the money out of Britain. Mr. Henry Burton, defending said that Abramovitch and his brother had been in partnership in Manchester.

Matters did not proceed happily, and the brother went to America intending to start another business there on his own account.

Money was sent over for the purpose, and months before war began instructions were given for a trust fund to be created.

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GENERAL DE GAULLE SETS UP NATIONAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL DE GAULLE, head of the Free French forces, announced yesterday the formation of a Free French National Committee to act as trustees for France until a constitutionally representative Government is established.

Announcing the committee General de Gaulle said it would be a matter for the United States and other nations to decide whether the new Committee would be recognised instead of the Vichy Government.

Dealing with the Free French, the new National Committee, General de Gaulle said the war had shown the necessity of decentralisation and the Defence Council in its modest way had met the same need, recognised by the British Government when they sent Mr. Duff-Cooper to Singapore.

General de Gaulle added, "I would like to make clear our position regarding the constitution and laws of the French Republic. That constitution and those laws have been violated first by the invader and then every day by the accomplices of the invader at Vichy."

"THE FREE FRENCH RECOGNISE NONE OF THOSE VIOLATIONS."

Hence the Free French, he added, were obliged to exercise de facto authority, tantamount to

delegation of the national interest, which would be handed back to the national representation when that was possible. — Reuter.

GREEK MINISTER'S APPOINTMENT

THE GREEK MINISTER IN LONDON, M. SIMOPOULOS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

He will retain his duties as Greek Minister.

M. Andrew Michalopoulos, President of the Anglo-Hellenic League in Athens, has been appointed Under-Secretary for the Press in the Government. — Reuter.

IF THE NAZIS REACH THE CAUCASUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Express" and the B.B.C. yesterday stated that British troops will fight beside the Red Army if the Nazis reach the Caucasus. — International News Service.

MUSCOVITE TOUCH IN ROSS-SHIRE VILLAGE

Most people know how the rumour of Russians passing through the country in the last war spread after a troop train had stopped at an important junction, and tea was given to the men, who, speaking Gaelic, said they came from "Ross-shire": it was misheard as "Russia." But all readers may not know the following facts:

The troops were Lovat Scouts en route for the Home Counties. By the way, there is a village in Ross-shire called Moscow, and there are some farmsteads called Itushaw.

To add to the Muscovite associations (and confusions), a stream which passes by these farmhouses has been christened "Volga." It only needs the blacksmith to be called Stalin and the analogy would be still more incredibly true.

HOW 'AMY' MET DEATH

Miss Pauline Gower, commanding officer of the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary, told a literary luncheon how Amy Johnson met her death.

"It fell to my lot to check up on her flight," said Miss Gower. "We have absolutely no doubt how she died."

"She was flying in icy conditions above clouds so heavy that she could not find a break to enable her to come down. She was running out of petrol, and must have decided to come down through the clouds. It was just bad luck that she happened to be over the water. She baled out, and, had she been above land, would have been here to-day."

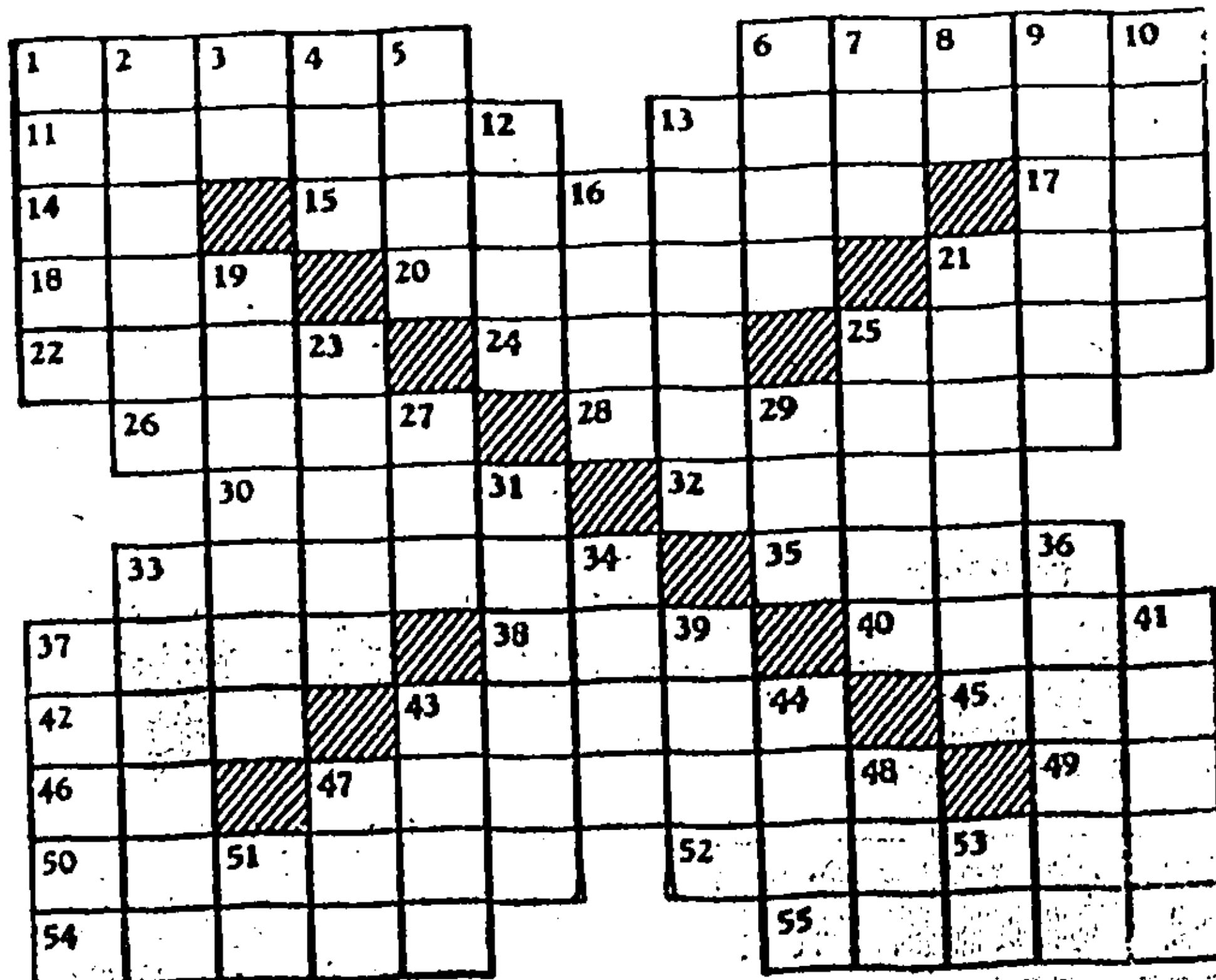
"In bailing out of the type of aircraft she was flying it was often necessary to jettison the door, which, as it came down, might have caused the rumour that there was a passenger in the aircraft."

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- 25 To originate
- 26 Sora
- 28 Ancestors
- 30 Degree
- 32 Therefore
- 33 Terrified
- 35 Snappish
- 37 Cry of the Baccanals
- 38 Bitter vetch
- 40 Ostrich-like bird
- 42 Marble game
- 43 Demolishes
- 45 Affirmative
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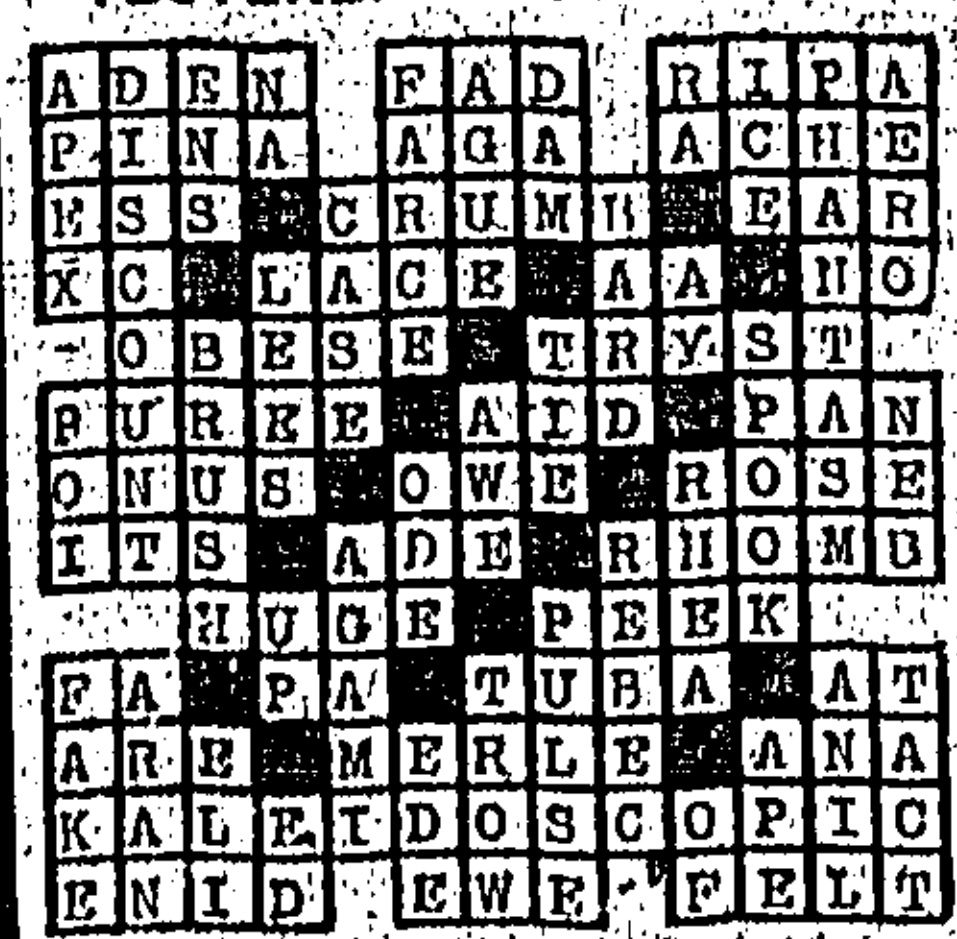
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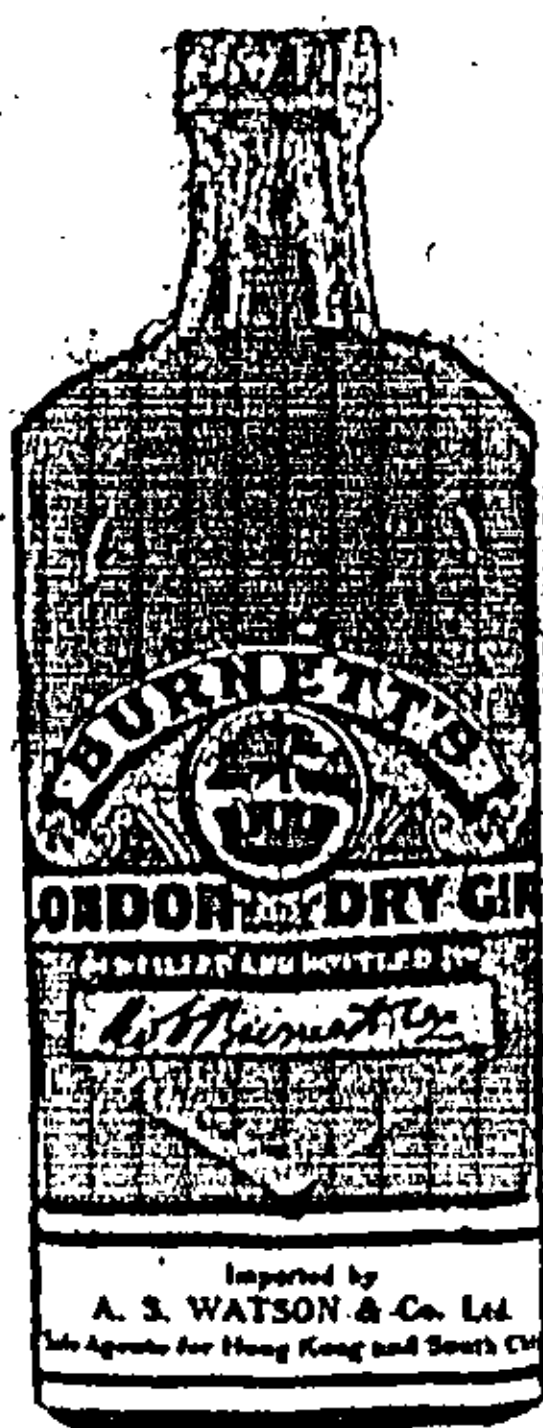
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- 16 Unusual
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- 31 Prefix, notious
- 33 Abode of King Arthur
- 34 Stumble
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Germans Now Dig In For Winter Campaign

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow,
on the Russian Central Front)

MAJOR-GENERAL SOKOLOVSKY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET COMMAND ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, TELLS ME THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS ARE DIGGING IN "OVER HUNDREDS, ONE MIGHT SAY, THOUSANDS OF KILOMETRES. THEY ARE TAKING UP DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH TRENCH WARFARE, MUD AND WINTER IN PROSPECT," HE SAID.

The German reserves are not "exhausted" but they are approaching the point where they will be."

The General thought the Germans would lose greatly in manoeuvrability in a winter campaign. "They are already beginning to substitute horses for petrol vehicles," he said.

"The roads are getting bad and the Germans are unquestionably suffering from a petrol shortage. The winter cold will create new problems for the Germans."

"The Russians all have a cheepskin coat and snow boots. As the Finnish campaign showed the Russians can stand 50 degrees of frost, if necessary staying out of doors night and day, while the Germans can't."

Explaining the reasons for the failure of the German attempt to break through the Smolensk sector in the drive on Moscow, Major-General Sokolovsky gave impressive figures of Nazi losses.

Since they stated their drive against Smolensk, he said, the Germans had lost 1,950 planes in this one sector alone.

Nearing Smolensk

Since the beginning of September, he said, Russian counter-attacks had resulted in the recapture of territory six to 30 miles in depth over a 60-mile front.

Ten German divisions have been totally or partly destroyed and the Germans recently had been obliged to throw in 10 more divisions.

These troops had been brought up from other parts of the front but there was no evidence they had come from the Leningrad sector.

The Russians were now some 25 miles from Smolensk, the General said.

He was very emphatic concerning the great superiority, especially in the quality of Russian artillery. This, he said, was master of the field whereas the diffuseness and inaccuracy of the German fire was striking.

The Germans' main losses in this sector, totalling some thousands of men, had largely been inflicted by artillery, he said.

Air Superiority

At present the Russian air force also holds superiority on this front, and enemy planes are evading air battles.

A factor of great importance in the Germans' failure on the Smolensk front was the weakness of their rear as a result of guerrilla activity and the hostility of the local populations, the General explained.

CAINE ROAD FATALITY

A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN CAINE ROAD SHORTLY BEFORE 8.30 A.M. THIS MORNING WHEN A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL, ON HER WAY TO SCHOOL, WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY A BUS, THE LEFT REAR WHEEL OF THE VEHICLE PASSING OVER HER HEAD.

The bus, No. 622, was proceeding from west to east when at the junction of Old Bailey, the girl darted across the road in front of the vehicle. The driver, Wong Hing-kiu, applied the brakes but was unable to pull up in time.

This weakness was increasing, he said.

A large number of troops must have been sent from the front to take care of the rear.

"Only main roads, such as the Minsk-Orsha-Smolensk road, are properly under German control. On the main roads the Germans hesitate to venture except in large forces, and guerrillas are constantly attacking their columns and convoys."—Reuter.

TANKS FOR RUSSIA WEEK

This is "Tanks for Russia Week" and preliminary reports suggest the output will represent the greatest production drive Britain has ever seen.

Hourly reports reaching the Ministry of Supply confirm this. Over 2,000 workers at one Midland tank factory should have had two days holiday in lieu of holidays foregone at Whitsuntide. They have again voluntarily deferred their holiday.

From another factory, already working a 6½ day week, with much overtime, preliminary reports indicate production is likely to be stepped up. Similar reports are coming from other plants.

A representative of workers in Midland tank factories yesterday sent a telegram to Lord Beaverbrook in Moscow pledging themselves "to break all records from now on in aid of Tanks for Russia Week."—Reuter.

A GREAT EVENT

The introduction on October 10 of a reduced Empire press rate of 1d. per word has been described as "a great event" by Mr. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information.

In a message to Sir Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Cable and Wireless, read at a Glasgow luncheon yesterday, Mr. Bracken stated: "When the rate comes into operation the flow of news and comment between Great Britain and every corner of the British Commonwealth will be stimulated and increased."

"Every Empire country will enjoy the same facilities and Empire newspapermen will be free from the restrictions which the old cable costs imposed."—Reuter.

HE BEAT FLAMES AMID BULLETS

An officer and two N.C.O.s, who risked death among a hail of exploding cartridges to put out a fire in a cave used as an ammunition depot at Masara, Egypt, have each won the George Medal.

The awards were announced in "London Gazette."

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Francis Vittery Platel, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, organised and led rescue and fire-fighting party when an explosion occurred in a gallery of the cave, killing and wounding about ten of the staff.

While cartridges were exploding in all directions they fought and extinguished the fires.

But for Lieutenant Platel's action the fire must have caused a major explosion.

DID NOT KNOW SHE HAD BEEN SHOT IN HEAD

Several hours after she had felt a sharp blow on the back of her head Mrs. Margaret Clark, of Hawthorn, found that she had been shot, says an Adelaide message.

Mrs. Clark was working in her backyard when she heard a noise like an electric light globe bursting, and felt a pain in the back of her head.

Hours later, worried over a persistent headache, Mrs. Clark visited a doctor.

An X-ray examination revealed that a bullet was lodged in her head.

An operation was performed immediately and the bullet removed.

A bullet fired at a rat in a neighbouring home is believed to have ricocheted off a stone and struck Mrs. Clark.

A young man, who lives next door, told the police that he fired at a rat about the time Mrs. Clark was struck.

560 TANKS NEED 44 SHIPS

A convoy of 44 ships is needed to transport 560 of the powerful new Chrysler 32-ton tanks, the columnists Pearson and Allen reveal.

Chrysler's will soon be producing 450 of these giants each month.

They occupy almost double the shipping space of light tanks.

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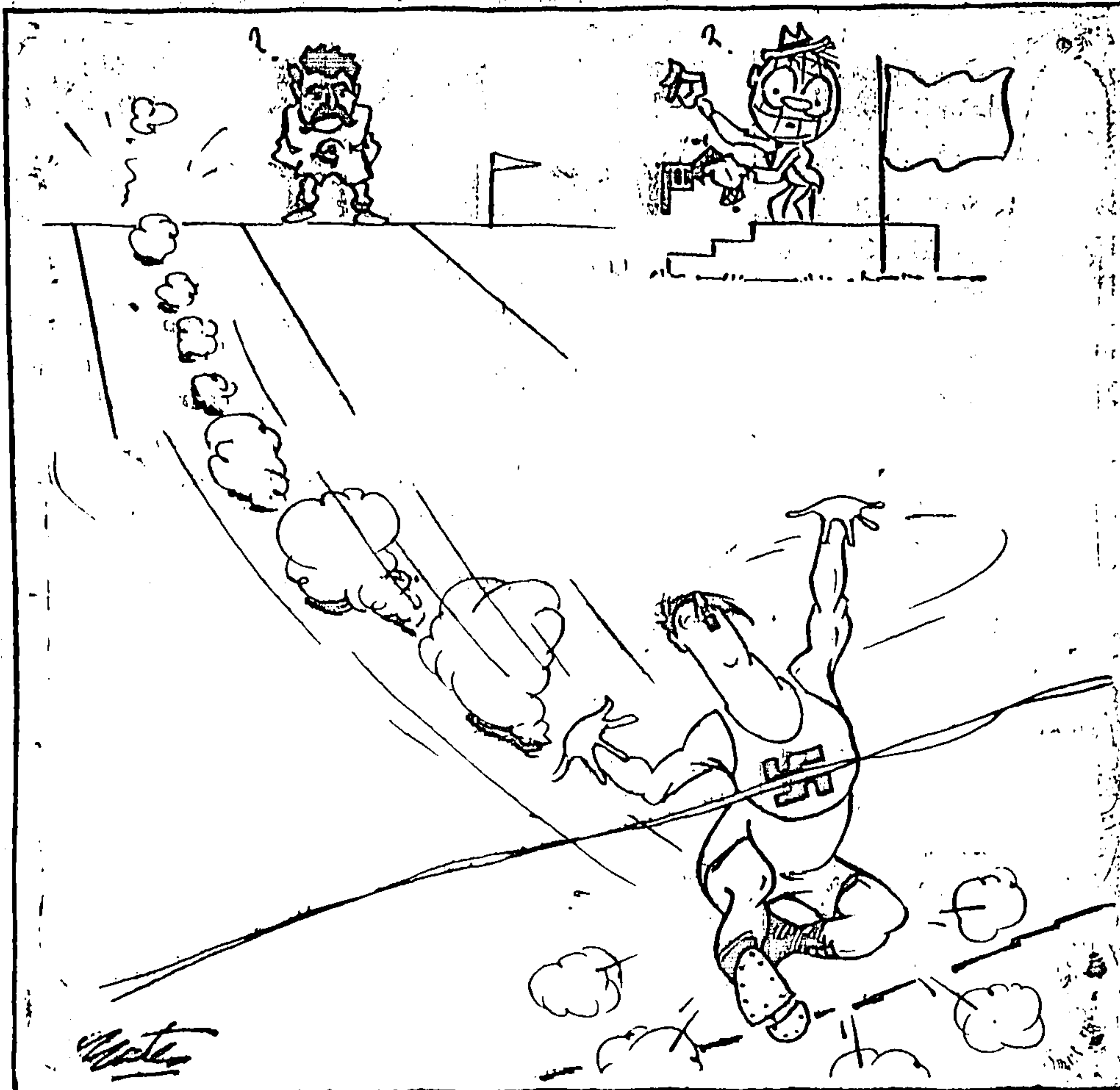
ENCIRCLEMENT

The Japanese began talking about encirclement some months ago. They talked angrily and defiantly about it. They would not have it. They would seize sources of supply and tell us to keep our distance, or else.

Then came the freezing of credits and the licensing of exports. Japan was suddenly aware that her freedom of movement outside of territorial waters and of the South China Sea was threatened. Encirclement became the theme of the hour in Japan. The militarists denounced it angrily. Every one else discussed it with alarm, and into these nervous discussions there crept a note of injury. Then came the Roosevelt - Churchill conference and the announcement of the joint determination to aid Russia; and, angry and alarmed as the Japanese outcry was, the keynote of it was a sense of injury. There was the Russian bugaboo again, right in Japan's back yard!

It seems very likely that the movement of Japanese reinforcements to Korea and Manchuria, which followed closely upon Hitler's plunge into European Russia and coincided with the invasion of southern Indo-China, was primarily defensive. Japan meant to concentrate on the southern adventure when Moscow's resistance collapsed, but she had to guard her northern frontiers against irresponsible Russian armies in the event of Moscow's collapse. Japan also owed it to herself to be ready to get into Siberia and entrench herself there if chaotic conditions again offered her such an opportunity as she seized and then surrendered twenty years ago. At any rate, she had reason to look upon the situation to the north as safe until it might later suit her purpose to disturb it. The initiative was securely in her hands.

Now she sees that whole situation in a different light. Russia is not collapsing. No single army has collapsed. The Russians are just backing away, and they may go on doing that. Meanwhile, the Far Eastern armies will not be without supplies, for the United States has undertaken to ship oil and other war materials to them. These shipments must go through Japan's own barrier chain of islands behind which her own Navy could, of course, stop them. But she



JUMPING THE GUN AGAIN.

In Government Service

My uncle Carolis used to say that it was very important that a young man should be fixed for life. According to my uncle, there was too much energy wasted in trying to make a career. My uncle used to say that however much a man may use his brains he must die in the end. According to my uncle, as this was the case it was better to join Government Service from the start.

could not stop the swarms of American planes, flown from Alaska, which might then reinforce the striking power of the Far Eastern Red armies. If Stalin cared to look upon interference with his supplies as an unneutral act and to denounce the pact he signed with Mr. Matsuoka, those armies, whose mettle Japan has already sampled to her chagrin, plus the submarines at Vladivostok, might adopt an attitude that would force Japan to abandon every other objective.

Japan is encircled. She faces the prospect of being slowly disarmed by attrition. It is a terrible situation for a nation that has had everything its own way for ten years — except in China — breaking treaties at will, expanding through armed aggression, allying herself with the enemies of civilisation, blackmailing supplies from the nations whom her monopolists were driving out of one market after another, and looking forward to the establishment of a great self-sufficient empire from which she could sell the rest of the world its products at her own price. Japan is encircled, by the consequences of her own outrages against international decency.

My uncle Carolis used to say that the great thing about Government Service was that it avoided the trouble of thinking and tiring your brain. According to my uncle, half the trouble in the world was due to people acting on their own judgment. My uncle used to say that in Government Service you do not go by judgment but by the regulations.

My uncle always used to tell the story about his good friend a Proctor and Notary who was having a good practice drafting petitions, but he soon got ambitious and started taking cases. My uncle used to say that he was a very uncertain person and could not sleep at nights because he was never sure whether he was right or wrong. According to my uncle,

By KEN

after some time he chuckled the whole thing and entered the clerical service. My uncle used to say that he was much happier in Government Service for he did not have to bother about right and wrong and could sleep both night and day.

My uncle used to say that Government Service was the best profession for a young man as it was the only organisation that made no distinction about merit. According to my uncle, this was only natural as you could not expect every man to be equally intelligent. My uncle used to say where else would you find an organisation which considered seniority of service more important than brains for promotion. According to my uncle, this gave everyone a chance for a man must get older even if he cannot get cleverer.

My uncle Carolis used to say that once you got into Government service it was very difficult to get out of it unless you did something. In my uncle's opinion people were anyway too restless. My uncle used to say that being in Government Service taught one virtuous habits such as keeping quiet and contemplating.

My uncle Carolis used to say that being in Government Service taught one not to be so vain as to take seriously what others said about one. According to my uncle, people were always complaining about Government Servants and if one ever listened to them one would be badly discouraged. My uncle used to say that if you took no notice of people's complaining after a while according to my uncle if anyone was really

getting personal you could charge him for a breach of the regulations.

My uncle used to say that what was much more aggravating than public criticism was a superior officer who was always finding fault. In my uncle's opinion, not enough care was taken in the selection of Government Servants for you sometimes got one who stuck to the letter and not the spirit of the regulations. My uncle used to say that the only thing to do in such a case was to get your friends to send a petition against him.

My uncle Carolis used to speak very highly of the Government Service habit of giving you a pension when you retired. According to my uncle this was quite in keeping with the traditions of the service for there was no reason why a man should cease being paid for doing nothing merely because he had passed a certain age.

My uncle Carolis used to say that Government Service gave you more holidays than any other profession. According to my uncle, if you were fortunate enough to get a travelling allowance for your job you could spend your holidays visiting many interesting places.

My uncle Carolis used to say that being in Government Service increased your chances of a good marriage. According to my uncle, in these days of uncertainty parents-in-law preferred a safe job to a decent education. My uncle used to say that there was once a time when a lawyer or professional man was considered a good match, but nowadays everybody was thinking that the risk was too great.

My uncle used to say that such jobs had some status, but what was the use of status unless one was already well-off. According to my uncle, Government Service was unique in giving both status and security. According to my uncle, even though it may sometimes not pay much you could always live fairly comfortably if you knew how to employ the regulations.

My uncle Carolis used to say that the best thing about Government Service was the prestige it gave you. According to my uncle, he even knew of cases where a Government job made up for lowly birth. My uncle used to say that people had to respect you for they would have to come to your sooner or later.

My uncle Carolis used to say that one of the advantages of being in Government Service was that one could get important pallbearers at one's funeral. According to my uncle, a man must leave the world with the same dignity he had when he entered it.

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American Traffic Experts In China Wartime Capital

(By Richard Watts Jr.)

THE BREEZIEST and most dynamic note introduced into China's war-time capital, Chungking, in recent months was, it is freely admitted on all sides, provided by the three American traffic experts sent from Washington to look over the possibilities of moving more freight with greater celerity over the famous Burma Road.

The trio of gentlemen who set official Chungking pretty much on its collective ear were Daniel Arnstein, Marco Hellman and Harold Davis, all of them experts in the matter of taxicab, truck and general transportation problems, and very two-fisted individuals in the manner of expressing their opinions and ideas.

To say that there was a difference of opinion in this vicinity about Mr. Arnstein and his associates as they set out for Kunming to study the Burma-Yunnan Highway and make recommendations is putting it mildly. It would be more accurate to say that they had become wildly controversial figures. Yet, strangely enough, the evidence was that the difference of opinion was chiefly among the foreign colony. The Chinese were perhaps a bit surprised at the straightforward dynamic quality of the three men, but it seemed clear that they respected them for it, were impressed by their obvious knowledge of their trade and liked the breezy manner in which they went about their business.

Some of the older China hands among the Americans here were inclined to be skeptical. They talked, as they always do when they get together, about the all-important matter of face, and they insisted that the blunt and hearty approach of the three traffic men and their propensity for speaking their minds would cause too many Chinese officials to lose face.

They declared that greater suavity and blandness were necessary and that the Arnstein party would make enemies instead of smoothing over the difficulties inherent in the Herculean-like labour of making the Burma Road efficient.

Protocol Not For Him

As an added charge they said that Mr. Arnstein didn't know anything about protocol, a charge which Mr. Arnstein would be the first to agree with in the heartiest tones. Legends have already grown up about this husky, burly Terminal taxi man who used to be a professional athlete as well as a cab driver and a soldier. The one that has to do with protocol has already been authenticated. It seems that one of the secretaries of the American Embassy met him at one of the innumerable official teas given for the three experts and asked him, rather impatiently, why he hadn't paid a call on the ambassador.

"Why should I?" asked Mr. Arnstein. "I don't know him."

Although the members of the foreign colony who have objected to Arnstein and his colleagues have been highly articulate, they were by no means in the majority. The more liberal school of thought was that the trio provided the freshest and most forthright note that Chungking has seen in a long time, that they were just the sort of straightforward experts, with no axes to grind, that would most impress the Chinese and their technical, non-political approach was just the thing that the problems of the highway needed. It was thought, too, that the belief held among Chinese officialdom, that the recommendations of Mr. Arnstein and the way in which they were followed out would have a great deal to do with the extent of American aid that would be forthcoming over the Burma Road, would be of great help in making his mission a success.

Corruption

Not having seen the road when he arrived in Chungking, Mr. Arnstein, who was the spokesman for the party, would not commit himself to any great extent, but he said that there were certain

things he knew already. He had seen some three hundred trucks in Chungking and only sixty were in proper condition.

He knew that some of the truck drivers were selling their gasoline and were even doing some private trucking business of their own on the side. This corruption bothered him and it was his belief that, since a war for China's survival was going on, any such conduct should be declared treasonable and treated in that light.

But the important thing, he said, was the inefficiency and lack of experience of the Chinese drivers and technicians, and it was his hope that large numbers of them could be taken to America and given a training there in American technical methods.

"In the long run," he said, "the Chinese themselves are the ones who must make the success or the failure of the road. We can put them in the right paths and give them the proper training, and then it is up to them. At present, there are more bosses than there are workers and that is another thing that must be remedied. We must show them that there is no disgrace in getting your hands dirty."

Recalls Bowling

Because they are inclined to be quiet men, Mr. Hellman and Mr. Davis stayed pretty much in the background. Mr. Arnstein was not only the spokesman but the personality man of the outfit, and he seemed happier when talking about his days as a professional athlete than of his problems as a traffic expert. An inescapably Semitic-looking gentleman, the bluff and hearty Mr. Arnstein was once a well-paid amateur athlete under the name of Murphy.

He recalls with enthusiasm the day when he was bowling for an Irish group against another Irish group under his jauntily assumed name. While waiting for his turn to bowl he was knocking a punching bag about and the captain of the team called for him.

Unfortunately the captain had forgot the pseudonym. "You're next, Arnstein," he said recklessly. That was when the rioting began.

Trucking Business

Then there was the occasion when he played tackle against a Middle West college team before the World War. The Middle West college team must have liked his work, because on the following Saturday he was playing tackle for that team against another school. Once he played against the great Jim Thorpe, but that was a different kind of story.

Although there has been doubt about the urbanity and tact of the visiting traffic experts, there has been none about their knowledge of their business. Mr. Arnstein is of Terminal Taxicabs, and he does a large trucking business, including the delivery business of three New York newspapers. Mr. Hellman is of Lehman and Co., and Davis, from Hartford, Conn., is of Consolidated Cabs. The fact that they are government dollar-a-year men and are getting no money from the Chinese is among the reasons for the undoubted prestige they had in Chungking. Mr. Arnstein was called to Washington to make a recommendation for the job of advising on the Burma Road and decided to go himself.

SAND—BUT NOT OF TIME

Examination of a number of packing cases in a ship's cargo arriving at a North-West port from the U.S. has revealed what is believed to be an "insurance racket."

There were 40 cases supposed to contain alarm clocks, but when one of them was accidentally burst open during unloading operations it was found to be filled with sandbags and shavings. Investigation showed that the other 39 were similarly packed.

Theory is that if the cargo had been lost in transit insurance claims could have been made on the "clocks" amounting to several hundred pounds.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS FOR U-BOATS

Splendid new all-electric ships of war, very fast and armed with powerful American guns on a lavish scale, have now reinforced the Royal Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic.

They are some of the former revenue cutters leased to Britain by the United States.

The result of a concentration of destroyers, corvettes and the cutters in the western approaches to Britain, where the enemy is now finding conditions rather warm, will be to drive U-boats further out where lack of cooperating aircraft will add to their task.

On one occasion, they brought home safely a very large convoy, including many freighters loaded with American bombers. On their maiden voyage, here they helped to escort another convoy.

MEXICO ABOUT TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN

Mexico is about to renew diplomatic relations with Great Britain in the course of this month, it was declared in well-informed circles in Mexico City.

Negotiations are in progress in Washington for the settlement of the controversy which arose between Great Britain and Mexico in 1938 in connection with the Mexican oil fields.

It is this controversy which led to the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

A general meeting of the Hong Kong branch R.E.O.C.A. will be held in the Junior N.C.O.'s Club, Wellington Barracks at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st October.

CLOSE QUESTIONING OF P.W.D. FOREMAN AT INQUIRY

LO HOK-PUI, foreman employed at the Public Works Department, Water Works, who is paid on a daily basis at \$2.50, made a statement at the A.R.P. Inquiry, in the Puisne Judge's Court this morning, that up to the end of August, he had issued \$47,000 worth of explosives in connection with the work on the A.R.P. tunnels in Kowloon.

Lo was the first witness to testify this morning before the Commission, with Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall as chairman, that is conducting the inquiry into certain matters connected with the A.R.P. Architectural Department.

Witness told the Commission that his duty in connection with the tunnels on the Kowloon side consisted of supervising the work, to see that the levelling was done properly "and such like jobs."

Chairman: What such like jobs?
—To count the number of workmen and to see that the work was done properly.

You do that in all the tunnels?
—I am looking after five sites.
How many sites are there? —Five.

Looking After All

You are looking after all the tunnels, then?—Yes.

And you count the number of men in each tunnel?—Yes.

Then what do you do?—I make a note of it in my note book and then make my report.

You have got your book with you?—No.

Where is it?—In the workshop. You keep it in the Hungshou office?—Yes.

Where, in a drawer?—No, in a large case.

Well now, having entered the number of workmen in your book, what do you do?—I enter it into the large book in the office.

Where is this book?—In Hungshou.

Having entered this in the book, what do you do?—I hand the large book to my No. 1.

That is Mr. George Tsang?—Yes.

And he has to rely on your figures?—He counts them over himself.

Oh, he does? When?—He does this in the morning.

And you go in the morning and afternoon?—Yes.

So that he has to rely on your figures for the afternoon?—Yes.

Gambling Allegation

And if you are a dishonest man, I am not suggesting that you are, you can put down a few extra men?—Oh no, after I have counted the men a Kin Lee foreman does it again.

Which man for Kin Lee?—Kwong Cheong.

Now, the Commission visited this Hungshou Workshop last Saturday. It is a small hut with no furniture at all. When we went there, nobody was present and the place was empty. Anybody could have walked in and taken the books away. But we looked up the books, sir.

But anybody could have got in?—Yes.

I am telling you this because a statement has been made to the Commission that these foremen very seldom go to the office. —We do all our work outside. We only go there to make our entries in the book.

And that when you go there at all, you go there to gamble. —No.

Of course that is not true, is it?—It is not true.

A statement has also been made to the effect that you and the other foremen are in the habit of taking squeeze. —That is not true.

Chinese Supervision

All the work in the Kowloon tunnels is supervised by Chinese foremen, drawing \$2.50 a day?—Mr. Campbell is there too.

Mr. Campbell has told us that he has so much to do both in Hong Kong and Kowloon that he had to rely on you. —He did visit the sites.

The fact remains that the work is done by Kin Lee and supervised by Chinese foremen?—Yes.

You know, of course, that Kin Lee has sub-contracted all the work, such as to Ah Ding?—Yes.

And if you were dishonest you could work in conjunction with them and charge Government too much?—That is so, but I never do such a thing.

At this stage, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, one of the Commissioners, asked witness if work goes on in the tunnels 24 hours a day, witness replying in the affirmative.

You work eight hours a day, don't you? —Yes.

Do you have anything to do with the stores? —No.

You have nothing to do with the issuing of cement, timber, explosives and those things? —I am only concerned with the issuing of explosives.

Whose issues the drilling steel? —They were issued in the day time.

Accuracy Of Stores

But there is somebody in Government who can vouch for the accuracy of these stores for which Government pays? —That is no part of my work so I don't know.

ROBEY RAISES £1,000,000

George Robey, on the air in "Monday Night at Eight," said that already he had managed to raise £1,000,000 for war charities.

With what he raised in the last war, this brings the total sum realised by "The Prime Minister of Mirth" to one and a half million pounds.

Chairman (to witness): You told the Commission that you issue the explosives?—Yes.

Another statement has been made that the person who issues the explosives demands some of it back so that he can sell it. —There is no such thing as that.

Up to the end of August, Government has been charged \$47,000 for explosives in connection with the Kowloon tunnels? —That does not concern me.

Supervision

But you are the man who issued \$47,000 worth of explosives? —That is so, but then there was a man who was in charge of the blasting.

That is so but you issued the explosives?—Yes.

Was Mr. Campbell ever present when you issued explosives? —Never.

Was Mr. George Tsang, the foreman, ever present?—Yes sir. On how many occasions was he there?—I do not remember how many occasions.

But there were occasions when there was nobody to supervise you when you issued the explosives?—I issue explosives only according to what is written down on a piece of paper.

Mother Of Six Sent To Gaol

AN ARMY SEPARATION allowance of £2 15s. a week for herself and her six children, aged from 2 to 17, is drawn by Mrs. Elizabeth Wotton. Her husband is in Malta on active service.

One of the children stole some money in an escapade. In a moment of weakness, Mrs. Wotton kept it and spent some of it on clothes for the children.

The Bench at Stratford, London, sentenced her to a month's hard labour.

The Chairman, Mr. C. W. Hodgson, said that Mrs. Wotton's seventeen-year-old daughter, who had just started work, would be able to look after herself. The Justices regarded it as a very serious case, and one which had to be dealt with severely.

The police said that Mrs. Wotton held a good character.

After hearing the sentence, Mrs. Wotton lost her self-control and cried: "But why that? What about my children?"

She was assisted to the cells. Later the Warrant Sergeant said that Mrs. Wotton, whose home address is Earl's Cottages, Woodlane, Dagenham, was anxious about her children's welfare.

She wanted a message sent to her seventeen-year-old daughter, so that she would go home and see to the children, at home alone except for a neighbour looking after them.

The Chairman said the Probation Officer would attend to that side of the case. He supposed the P.A.C. would look after the children.

"Needed It So Badly"

Mrs. Wotton, who pleaded guilty to receiving £210 knowing it to have been stolen, stated in court that she knew she ought to have returned the money.

"But I wanted the money so badly," she said. "My husband's allowance does not keep the children and me. I know I have done wrong."

Detective-Sergeant Tresidder said that because of the children Mrs. Wotton could not go to work herself and the Army allowance was her sole income, excepting the few shillings earned by the eldest girl.

There was no doubt she was in straitened circumstances. The Bench made an order returning £4 of the £210 to the owner.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

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Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A SLAM POINTER

By The Four Aces

Each year at this time, the summer bridge championships are held at Asbury Park, N. J. For a whole week, some of the finest bridge in the world is on display to those who care to see it. Today's hand, taken from last year's tournament, is typical of what can be seen there:

South, Dealer
North-South Vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 4
♥ A J 6 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A Q 9 2

WEST

♠ K Q 10 8 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K 6 2
♣ 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ K J 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. South hadn't paid much attention to West's spade overcall during the bidding, for North's jump raise made it appear that West had just put in a "nuisance" bid. But now it looked as though North had made a slight (ever-so-slight) stretch, and that West had the King of diamonds as part of the value for his defensive bid.

The average player, we feel sure, would not consider that point. He would draw trumps and rush to discard the losing spade on dummy's extra club. Then he would finesse the Queen of diamonds, and would feel very much aggrieved when that line of play caused him to lose two diamond tricks.

But in a championship tournament, better lines of play are found. In this case, South drew trumps and discarded a low diamond on dummy's extra club. Then he led the Jack of spades from the dummy, putting West into the lead. If West returned a diamond, South would get a "free" finesse. And if West could return anything else, dummy could ruff while South discarded the Queen of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner's bidding indicates that he has only about enough to fight for a part score. Your hand is a minimum and you should not try again for game.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 60% for three no-trump, 30% for three hearts.

Question No. 829

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 6
♣ 7

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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KEEPING AHEAD OF WEATHER

On the door of the meteorological office at a Bomber Group Headquarters someone has facetiously printed: "Depression Villa." The meteorological officers—the "met men" as they are called—are often the subject of mild jokes, but everybody knows that on them may depend the decision to make an attack or to abandon it.

The science of weather forecasting continues to be accurate, despite the breakdown, since war began, of the world-wide interchange of meteorological information build up in peacetime. This accuracy is demonstrated when the "met man" takes his stand on the platform in the briefing room and tells the bomber crews what kind of weather they may expect, the speed and direction of the wind, height and extent of cloud, the temperature and visibility. He uses a weather map to illustrate his points, with isobars—like lines on a contour map—showing the variations in barometric pressure. He knows that in a few hours, when the aircraft return, he will have been proved right or wrong. But he is usually right.

They often play a game in the met. office called "beating the fronts." The word "front" indicates various kinds of bad weather. It is a game on which lives of men may depend. The "met" officers have to determine whether a target can be reached before a deterioration in the weather sets in, or to calculate whether an enemy town can be bombed soon after the weather has cleared. They may also have to decide if the aircraft can get safely back to base before low clouds come over to hamper the landing.

The weather has to be beaten at its own game. If it is going to be unfavourable at base, some other part of the country must be found to which the aircraft can be safely diverted. The two main points on the weather map are the target to be attacked and the home station. What kind of weather lies between is not so important, unless severe icing or electrical disturbances are indicated.

The weather is always on the move, and the "met" man must be always two moves ahead. Weather reports come into his office continuously, and every three hours of the day and night a new chart is drawn which is discussed with the operations staff. They talk of polar fronts and centres of depression, of density of cloud and the formation of fog, of North Sea stratus wandering inland.

Most of the "met" men wear civilian clothes, but they have as much to do with the war as anyone in uniform.

NEW A.T.S. DRESS

The A.T.S. is to have a new uniform—smarter and altogether more attractive than the present outfit.

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The new uniforms will not be issued for some months, as there is a large stock of the old style to be used up first.

On "Kinder" Lines

Not-so-slim recruits will like the new style, which is cut on much "kinder" lines than the old.

The khaki skirts will no longer sag or lose their shape now that they have been specifically designed in four pieces.

A severe square shoulder line which adds a more military touch will do away with the "sack" appearance which often develops from hard use of the old style.

Before she joined the A.T.S. in 1938 Mrs. Knox's job was to run her home, look after her daughter Julie, and her husband, a Squadron Leader now overseas.

Children's Summer Time Need.

At this time of year children may easily fall sick, for on hot, dusty days fruit, ice cream, salads and cold drinks are temptations hard to resist, but unless careful supervision is exercised such delicacies may cause diarrhoea, colic, worms, and other upsets.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

New Autumn Coiffures

As the winter of 1941 is to be a very active one for most women, the hair stylists have taken the queue and have decreed shorter, more casual and more easily managed hair-dos. The pompadour is now giving way to styles which are combed simply back from the face and set in deep waves and swirls.

Hats, too, have become more sensible—in fact the first showings of the season indicate that again a hat will cover the head and not perch on its crown. Heavier materials are going into these new creations which mean added warmth and longer wearing qualities. Perhaps too, the several service uniforms which are for active women, have influenced hair styles, as a long shoulder bob and fancy pompadour do not harmonise with the trim uniform of a defence worker.

Good Opportunity For All

It cannot be denied that constant permanent waving, settings with lotions under hot dryers, gradually rob the hair of its vitality. The roots of the hair may be as healthy as ever, but the length of the hair show the strain of all the primping we do. Right now is a good time to let your hair grow strong again.

If you get it cut short, feather-cut fashion, you can get along without a new permanent. What is left of your old permanent is sufficient curl and what a joy to run the comb through your hair, push a wave into place and go about your daily tasks.

You may ask, but what about gala evenings? Are we going to wear these casual hair-dos then? No, we are not. We are going to invest in an artificial braid to match our own tresses, or in a cluster or two of curls, which may be pinned on in the most glamorous fashion for evening wear. And we are not going to try to



The newer coiffure suggests a practical casualness. Note the shorter length and greater simplicity.

conceal the fact that this wad of hair is not our very own. A braid for instance will encircle the crown of the head above all the short feather-end ringlets. Or our own hair will be brushed sleekly back from the face—a la South American—and a cluster of false curls will be pinned in back

of each ear! The boy friends will again have the opportunity to sing the old refrain "Katie combed her hair and hung it on the back of a chair!"

Those of my readers who have long hair will, naturally hang on to it. This is their day. If it is of sufficient length to comb in long braids and wind around the head, so much the better. With the new hat designs there will be no problem for the draped, full crowns.

Yes, it is interesting to see how woman's fashions echo the war. It looks as if each of us is expected to do a big bit during the next season!

Don't Shut Your Eyes To It

These exercises are specially planned for the "inclined-to-be-plump" girl.

If you are rather on the big side, and think your measurements are increasing, now is the time to take yourself in hand, and make up your mind that you are not going to develop an O.S. figure.

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Repeat three times, keeping the movements rhythmic.

EXERCISE 2:—Stand with left side towards and left hand resting on a chair back.

Swing right leg as high as you can backwards and forwards six times, counting 1-12, one count for

each swing forward or backward. Bring feet together and rise on tiptoes (13); lower heels (14); repeat (15-16). Turn round and repeat the swinging with the other leg.



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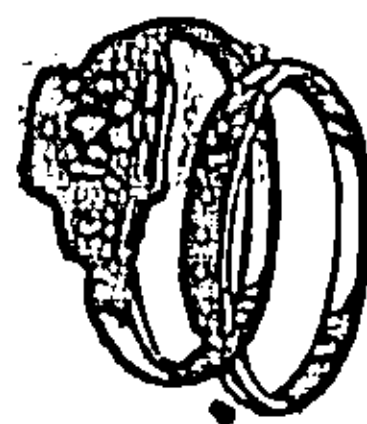
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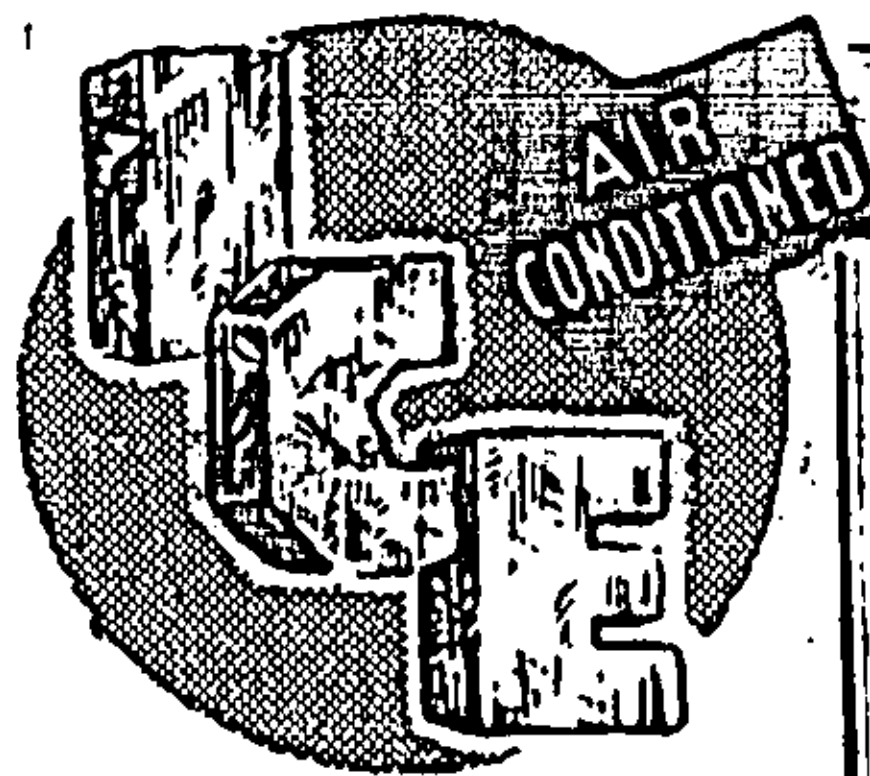
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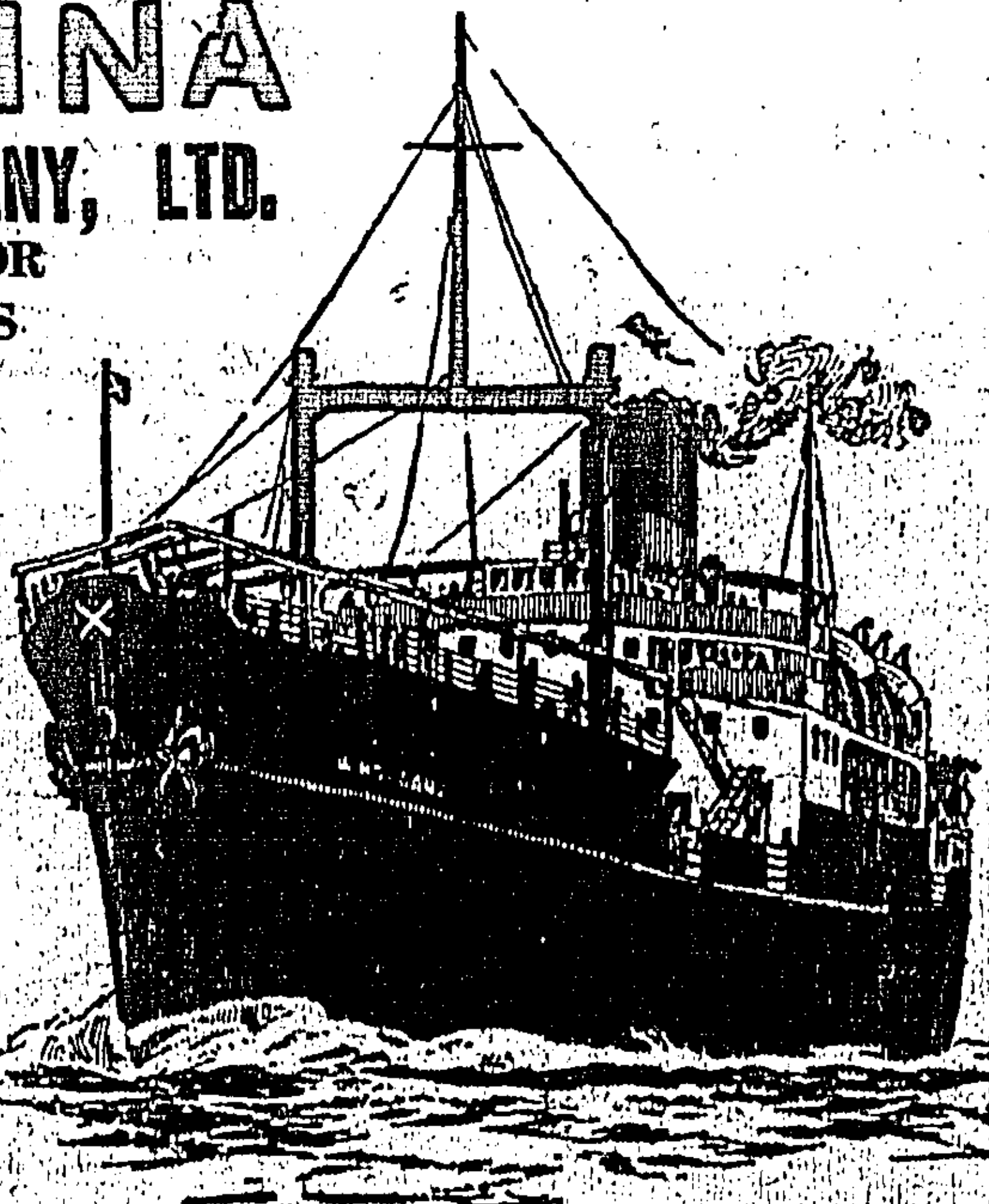
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

12.30 p.m.—Borodin—Quartet No. 2. in

D Major.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov:

Scherzo (Allegro—Vivace); 3rd

Mov: Notturmo—Andante; 4th Mov:

Finale (Andante—Vivace) Pro

Arte Quartet.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—The Mills Brothers in

Variety.

Vocal—Julius Caesar (Rogers); Sixty

Seconds Got Together (Livingston,

David); Mills Brothers & Guitar.

Two Pianos & Drums—The Great

Ziegfeld—Medley—The Key-

boarders.

Vocal—Slipping Through My Fingers

(from film "It's Love Again";

Woods); Jessie Matthews with

Orchestra.

Vocal—Caravan (Tizat, Ellington);

The Flat Foot Floogie (Gallard,

Stewart; Green); The Mills

Brothers and a Guitar.

Orchestral—Six-Eight Medley—Intro:

Valencia, Ca C'Est Paris; Picador;

Barcelona; Rio De Janeiro; Casa-

blanca; Harry Roy & his Orches-

tra from The Mayfair Hotel.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press

and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Dance

Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer;

Somewhere At Sea.

Quick-Step—Nursie! Nursie!

Fox-Trot—In A Moonboat.

Slow Fox-Trot—Can't Get Laidana Off

My Mind.

Fox-Trot—Sleepy Time In Sleepy

Hollow; Tiny Little Fingerprints.

Waltz—If You Hadn't Asked Me To

Dance.

Fox-Trot—When The Blackbird Says

Bye-Bye.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations.

6.47 p.m.—Leoncavallo's "Il Pagliacci".

Characters & Soloists in order of

appearance: Tonio, a clown; Mario

Basilola (Baritone); Canio, Leader of

village comedy troupe; Gilda

(Tenor); Beppe, Harlequin; Nessi

(Tenor); Nedda, Canio's wife;

Columbine, Iva Pacetti (Soprano);

Silvio, a villager in love with Nedda

Pacl (Baritone); with Members

of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus,

Milan.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Three

Dream Dances. The London Pall-

adium Orchestra conducted by Clifford

Greenwood.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"English Humour"

No. 3: The Ingoldsby Legends. Talk

by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Vocal—Moon For Sale (Trevor, Hen-

derson & Rosen); Thanks A Million

(from film); Robert Ashley with

Orchestra.

Orchestral—Hypnotised—Slow Fox-

Trot; Three Minutes of Heaven—

Waltz; Victor Silvester & his Ball-

room Orchestra.

Vocal—The Night Is Young (from the

film); Evelyn Lave with Orch.

Humorous Monologue—Many Happy

Returns (de Bear); Stanley Hol-

loway with Piano.

Piano—If I Didn't Care (Lawrence).

My Prayer (Kennedy-Boulanger).

"Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).

Humorous Monologue—Sam's Medat

(Hogan-Constanduros); Stanley

Holloway with Piano.

Vocal—Duet—Wanting You (from film

"The New Moon"); Anne Ziegler

and Webster—Booth with Orchestra.

Orchestral—El Pavao Del Corazon

Parlido (Broken-hearted Clown).

Le Tue Carezze (Don't Play With

Fire—Tango); Victor Silvester &

his Ballroom Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George

Scott Wood.

Lulu's Back In Town (from film

"Broadway Gondolier").

In A Little Gipsy Tea Room (Leslie

& Burke).

"The Big Broadcast of 1936"—Select-

Boots Forced Her To Leave A.T.S.

CHAMPION SWIMMER and expert ice skater, Patricia Mann, 20, has got to leave the A.T.S. because her feet won't let her stay.

Wearing tight skating boots and then heavy A.T.S. boots caused the trouble.

Army doctors have operated on her feet, officers have given her lighter work, but in vain.

She is being discharged because she cannot stand for long.

If a medical test O.K.'s her she may accept an appointment at Gravesend, Kent, her home town, teaching Civil Service workers to swim.

"I shall also do recruiting for the A.T.S.," Patricia told the "Daily Mirror." "I hate having to leave."

"When I joined, eighteen months ago, if they didn't have a girl's proper size in boots she had to take the nearest to it. I got a pair too small and that started my trouble."

But in a year her feet may be all right. If they are Patricia is going back into the Service.

"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

Moscow radio recently broadcast "Rule Britannia" and the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers."

This is the first time these songs have been broadcast in Soviet Russia.

The songs were in the sound track of the newsreel of the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting. Part of the sound track was broadcast by the radio.

The film was flown from America to Russia. It is being shown in all Soviet cinemas.

tion (Noble, Robin). "Top Hat"—Selection (Berlin).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Sonata in A Major—Prelude a Capriccio, Presto agitato, Adagio, Giga

(Vivaldi, arr. David); Natan Milstein.

Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin); La Campanella (Rondo from "Concerto No. 2 in B Minor"—Paganini, Op. 7); Natan Milstein with Piano.

10.29 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in C Minor.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto; Edwin Fischer (Piano) & The London Philharmonic Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today". Discussion with Gerald Barry.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

NOVELTY AT THE BALL

Yet another novelty has to be added to the list of attractions at the forthcoming Tin Hat Ball.

The scheme itself will not be divulged until the night of the event, but it can be stated that it entails the provision of prizes to the value of over one thousand dollars.

It will be remembered that there were a number of unclaimed prizes left over from the Monster Raffle, and these include such items as an R.C.A. radio set, silver salver, jade necklace, silver pagoda, two open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, wines and spirits etc.

The Hong Kong War Effort Committee has evolved a clever scheme whereby these will be disposed of in aid of the Bomber Fund, the attractive part of the scheme being that every participant will secure a prize, but individual contributions will be limited to five dollars.

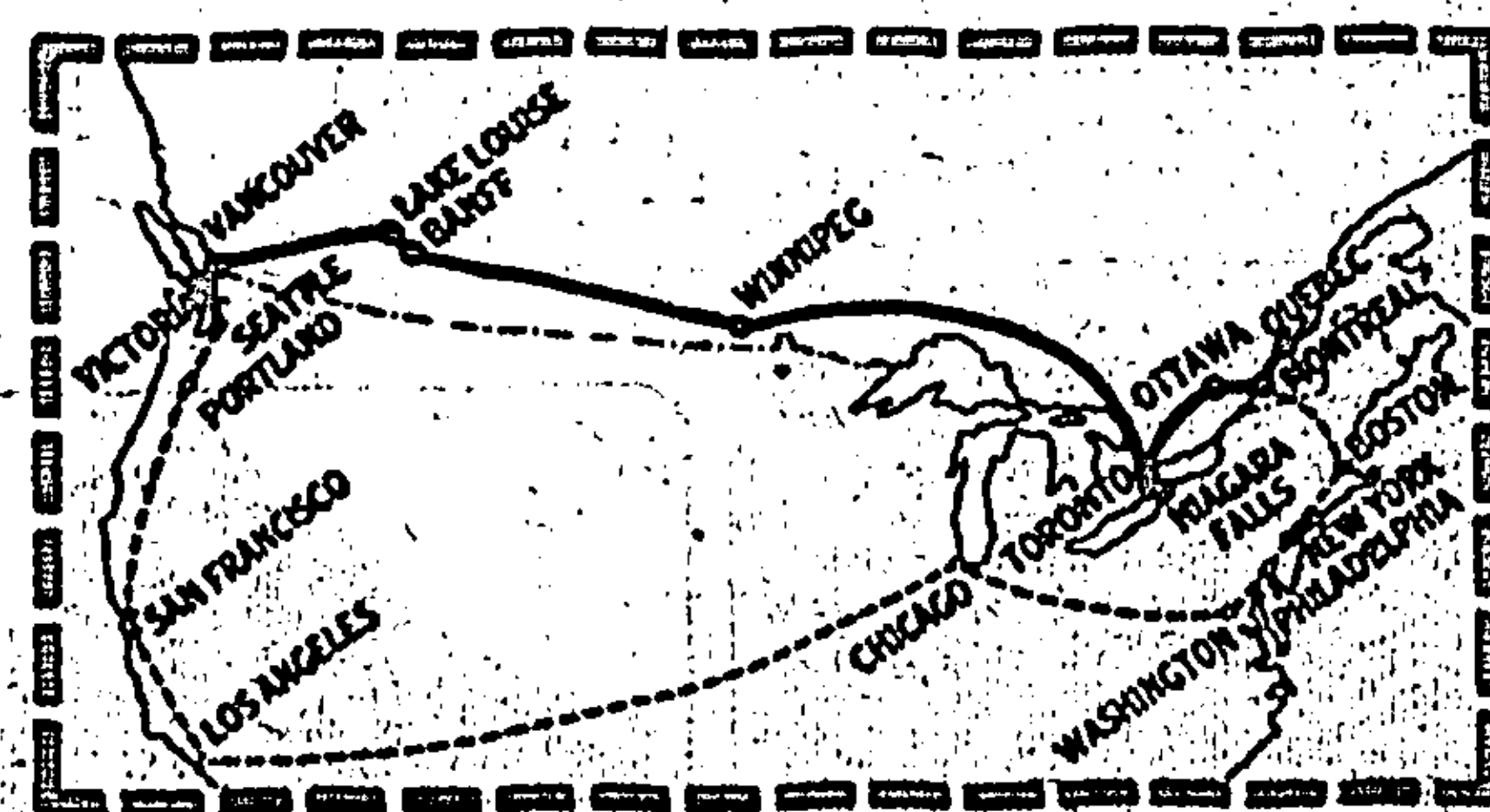
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He added that it would be idle to pretend that the difficulties and restrictions in the path of export business had not increased but that in spite of these, by the united efforts of all concerned both in England and Overseas the Company had managed to maintain its export trade at practically the same figure as in the previous year.

Commenting upon this statement the "Electrical Times" remarks:

"We should like to see this bald fact treated by a Kipling. These exports had to be made from rationed materials under risk of death and destruction from the air, and when they managed to find themselves on board ship they had to run the gauntlet of sea-raider, U-boat, bomber, and mine, as well as the normal perils of the deep. What human courage, fortitude and endurance went to the delivery of these goods!"

In spite of the imposition of the Excess Profits Tax the Company has had a very successful year, its numerous factories having been largely employed upon work of first grade importance to the war effort.

The report also reveals that of the 50,000 persons employed by the G.E.C. in England 3,400 are serving with the Forces of whom 38 have been killed, 16 are reported missing, 10 wounded and 29 prisoners of war. 2 have gained the Distinguished Flying Cross, 1 the Distinguished Flying Medal, 1 the Military Cross, 2 the Military Medal and 1 the George Medal, so that both the Company and its employees are making a considerable contribution to the Empire's war effort.

BOMBERS SHOW THEIR TEETH

If our heavy bombers were not also "fighters" the sustained offensive of the last few weeks against Germany's industries and naval bases could not have been so confidently planned.

Again and again our bombers have met enemy fighters over Germany, beaten off their attack, and gone on to do their work. Many of the battles have been indecisive; and indecisive battle is of course a victory for the bomber and a defeat for the German defences. A load of bombs dropped on Germany's resources is worth more than the certain destruction of a fighter. But what the R.A.F. considers an indecisive battle is usually one in which the German fighter has not got off scot-free.

During one attack on Kiel the front gunner of one of our heavy bombers saw a Messerschmitt 140 near the German coast. It dived below the bomber and the front gunner told the rear gunner that it was coming. Then the enemy came in from astern and below, opening fire at 500 yards, first with cannon and then at closer range with machine-gun.

The rear gunner gave a long burst and the enemy sheered off but came in again from above, only to be driven off once more. The enemy made a third and a fourth attack, and on the fourth occasion flew across the bomber's path. As it did so the front gunner fired four bursts. The Messerschmitt broke sharply away and dived downwards, out of sight with smoke gushing from it.

On the same night a Messerschmitt 110 attacked another of our bombers and a long battle ensued. Eventually our pilot put the nose of the bomber down while the Messerschmitt was passing underneath and the front gunner was at last able to get in two long bursts. The Messerschmitt dived away in a half roll with smoke pouring from its engine.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN TO-MORROW

By "Incog."

THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE OPENING DAY OF THE COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB TO-MORROW. THE OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT NOTHING UNDONE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING AND IT IS NOW LEFT TO THE COMPETITORS, AND SPECTATORS IN A LESSER DEGREE, TO MAKE THE 1941 GALA THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE HISTORY OF SWIMMING IN HONG KONG.

Swimming will commence at 6.07 to-morrow and entrance to the Club will be 60 cents, or \$1.20 (guaranteed seating accommodation). In the course of the past week, I have discussed the prospects of the representatives from the different clubs competing.

IN MY ARTICLE TO-DAY I AM GIVING MY FINAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW'S EVENTS.

Colony Championship—Men's 880 Yards free-style.

The Lai Tsun trio, Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping should live up this race by pacing up and down neck and neck, with Chan gradually forging ahead by reason of his powerful push-off, plus, of course, his powerful swimming. Their coach, S. H. Wong, confidently predicts that Chan will better his own remarkable time of 11.15.3/5, whilst Yau should also do so, or come very close to it, in coming second.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Junior Championship.

This race should find J. A. Marques winning by 3/4 of a body's length, with the other three entrants finishing within a touch of each other.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style H'Cap (12 yrs. old & under).

These game youngsters who pride themselves on just managing to swim over to the other side, should cause no little amusement with their repertoire of "strokes." I am afraid there is no form guide here.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

Judging by the times returned in the heats, Miss Li Po-luen should win easily, whilst Misses Ho Wai-man and Ko Miu-ling, who did exactly the same time in the heats, will fight it out for second place up to the last foot.

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap.

The handicapping of the V.R.C. officials has always been good and a close finish is promised in this popular race. Form is again beyond judgment.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards back-stroke.

W. Lawrence, well-known veteran, should win, but A. K. Rumjahn is reputed to have improved considerably in his training times by adopting a changed pace, and he should press Lawrence into establishing a very good time for this newly inaugurated race. Poon Wing-kai, of Lai Tsun, beat Rumjahn by 2 secs. in the heats, and this strong swimmer must be reckoned with by the two V.R.C. competitors.

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship.

Miss Myra Noronha will have stiff competition from Misses Therese Yvanovich and Yvonne Yolle, but should manage to reach the finishing wall ahead of them.

Colony Championship—Women's Fancy Diving.

Miss Jacqueline Anderson has been practising hard under the eagle eye of Lionel Roza-Pereira. Though her standard is not high, she should win this event from Miss Josephine Ng, a somewhat unknown quantity. The host of other women swimmers should take up diving, as there is hardly anything more graceful to see than a girl soaring through the air and cleanly entering the water.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Junior Championship. H. Reynolds, of the Police, should win this race, with J. M. Gosano and E. D. da Roza contesting the second place.

Colony Championship—Women's 220 Yards free-style.

Miss Vivienne Churn is a 100 per cent. "dead cert" for this race, and should set up a mark very close to 3 minutes flat. Misses Ho Wai-king, Ko Miu-ling and Celeste Guterres leave very little to choose between them, and it is hard to pick the second position from these three.

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap.

The boys have shown their prowess in past fetes, and the cream of the crop, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Gomes, G. Rosselet and C. Guterres, will try to beat the handicapper and each other in this event!

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley.

Ng Nin has only Tsang Cheong-ming swimming against him, as far as I am aware, and should have everything his own way. He is the best all-rounder this season, and should prove this by setting up a mark that should stand for a few years.

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"Yours," Mr. Justice Wrottesley said to him at Devon Assizes, "is the worst career I have ever come across in a case of bigamy."

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This is what the prosecution said about Francis' many marriages.

Marriage No. 1 (legal) took place at Winchester in 1923.

It lasted 13 years. Then, in 1936, Francis' wife obtained a decree nisi.

Marriage No. 2 (bigamous) took place two months before the divorce decree was made absolute.

There were two children.

Marriage No. 3 (legal as the decree had by then been made absolute) was last July.

It lasted three weeks.

Marriage No. 4 (bigamous) took place soon afterwards.

Francis met a woman at Liverpool, told her he was single and "married" her.

Detective Constable Stuart added these facts about much-married Francis.

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GOLF ITEMS

VALLEY v KOWLOON
NEXT BIG GOLFING
FIXTURE IN COLONY

THE NEXT FIXTURE ON ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB'S PROGRAMME IS THE MATCH BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY GOLFERS AND KOWLOON GOLF CLUB, WHICH WILL BE PLAYED AT THE VALLEY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Entries for the Championship of the Colony, to be played at Fanling, close on October 20, and the Championship will be decided on October 26, while the Club Championship First Round matches will be played on November 30.

RETRIEVING abandoned balls from the rough gorse thickets and other golfing graveyards used to be the caddies' perquisite, writes L. V. Manning.

But such venerable caddies as there are have other things to do in their spare hours these days, and as the balls are now badly needed to make up stock I know one professional who goes a-hunting for them—with a tractor!

The name is Alfred Padgham, and he tells me it is proving quite a helpful new revenue.

His richest prospecting is, of course, in the tiger country, where the grass is longer these days of cut stiffs than normally.

100 PER WEEK

"It is surprising what hauls we get," said Alfred. "I have sent off about a hundred to be reconditioned this week. They come back looking like new and are sold at about half price."

The re-covering of golf balls was a healthy business before the war, but not to anything like the extent it is now.

The new ball quota was fixed on a particularly unfavourable period in the winter before last when snow prevented play on most courses for nearly six weeks.

So the rationing makes things particularly hard on professionals who haven't got deep rough or magnetic ponds.

I wonder whether the pond at Wanstead is as costly as it used to be.

At one time over a thousand balls a year found this watery grave—not all of them mine.

ALMOST IDENTICAL

IT'S funny how the golfing paths of Craig Wood and Denny Shute have run together.

Eight years ago they tied for the British Open and Shute won in a play-off.

Two years ago they tied again in the U.S. Open, along with Byron Nelson. Shute lost out in the first play-off and Nelson won the second extra-hole affair.

And this year Wood won the U.S. Open and Shute was second. A few errant shots in the closing holes and Wood would have tied with Shute for the third time in a major championship.

RACKET v CLUB

THE tantalising stillness of a golf ball, as it sits on its tee-peg, leaving everything to the player, has been

advanced as one reason why many find it harder to hit cleanly than a bounding tennis ball, or a scudding cricket ball, alive with spin, writes the "Christian Science Monitor."

Davis Cup player Adrian K. Quist showed on The Lakes course, in a freak match for patriotic funds, that he could clout a golf ball better with a tennis racket than with the orthodox tools designed for that purpose, although he is a fair golfer (par, handicap 10).

On the tees and along the fairways, Quist tossed the ball up and smote it with something between a service and a forehand drive. On the greens he used a putter. His opponent, New South Wales pro champion, Billy Bolger, played with a full set of clubs.

With a strong wind side-on at the 8th (440 yards), Quist reached the green in two catgut strokes. Dead into the wind, he put his tee-serve on the 14th green (182 yards).

Downwind at the 18th (473 yards) his second shot finished, close to the green. Quist cannot get that distance with golf clubs.

STRUNG THEM OUT

HIS girl caddy, Miss Nancy Burleigh, carried five rackets, which proved to be a sufficient allowance for wear and tear on the strings.

Under the conditions of the match, bunkers, rough, and bad lies didn't mean a thing to Quist, because he picked his ball up for each stroke; but he was rarely off the line.

Bolger was surprised to find that a golf ball could be hit so far and accurately, with a racket. He had thought that the racket would have to be strung with fencing-wire to send the ball 200 yards.

The weakest part of Quist's game was not his racket play, but when he discarded that stringed instrument and changed to his putter, Bolger, who won 7 and 6, thought that the change from racket to putter affected Quist's touch on the greens.

WOMEN'S SECTION
MEETING

The Autumn Meeting of Women's Section of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held its Autumn Meeting at Deep Water Bay yesterday and \$630 was collected for the British War Organisation Fund.

Mrs. Prophet won the Tombstone competition, finishing up on the 17th green. Mrs. Gerondal won the Hidden Spot tourney.

Golf was played throughout the day and in the afternoon there was bridge and mahjong in the Clubhouse.

Prizes were presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Geo. Falconer and Company, the Caravan, Madame Lebon, John D. Hutchison and Company, Dunlop Rubber Company, Mrs. Butlin and members of the Committee.

ARMY TENNIS
TOURNEY

Two Third Round matches in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Championship were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday.

W. A. Reed beat R. Pinder 6-0, 6-1, though the game was much better than the scores would indicate, while in another game S/Sergt. Emberson beat Sergt. Muston 6-4 and 6-1.

RATCLIFFE
29 OUT OF 74
AND 6 FOR 26

Spr. Ratcliffe, Engineers' all-round sportsman, distinguished himself with bat and ball in an Inter-Company cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, making 20 out of 74 for 22nd Coy., and then going on to take 6 wickets for 26 runs to help dismiss 40th Fortress Coy. for 59, and give his side a 15 runs victory.

Sergt. Shipp took 7 wickets for 24 runs for the losers, for whom Spr. Tropp was top-scorer with 15 runs.

AMATEUR A.A.
MEETING

A meeting will be held in the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., at 8.45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, when officers of the proposed Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, to be later affiliated with the English A.A.A., will be elected.

All Clubs, Universities, Colleges and the Services will be circularised and invited to send a delegate to the meeting.

TO-DAY'S
BASKETBALL

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Open Basketball League.
V.R.C. v Trojans
Yu Leang v Chinese Y.M.C.A.

MISS P. BERG LIMITS
MEN'S EDGE IN GOLF

If any one ever invents a gadget guaranteed to get girls a bit more distance off the tee, then America's top-flight women golfers will be able to compete on even terms with the male stars.

At least, that's the conviction of Miss Patty Berg, red-haired, freckled professional from Minneapolis, recent winner of the Western open golf championship. Patty, who doesn't ask odds from any one on the golf course, had her say while acting as referee in the final match of the first women's inter-collegiate golf championship.

Rates Short Holes Even

"Off the tee, men have a decided advantage," she said, "but the girls can give them a pretty fair tussle the rest of the way. On holes short enough for us to get home with a wood and an iron, we are just as good as the men. They may get close enough to use a long one, but that doesn't bother our better women players."

"Close to the green, and on the putting surface, the girls can make any shot as well as the men, and as a rule the feminine putting touch is better."

The petite professional admitted

APOSTOLI ON THE
COMEBACK TRAIL

Freddie Apostoli, former middleweight boxing champion, was a step farther along the comeback trail on September 16 and Joe Spangler, his overweight welterweight opponent, was in a Norfolk hospital suffering from a broken jaw.

Apostoli knocked out Spangler in 2 minutes, 40 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round fight. Apostoli drove his opponent through the ropes with a volley of rights and lefts that broke his jaw.



that the men, having stronger wrists, hit firmer chip shots than the girls. Most of the women "flick" the shorter ones.

Results About Same

"But most of the girls 'flick' them pretty well," she said, "and the results are about the same as the men get, despite the difference in the method of making the shot."

(Patty 'flicked' one into the cup from eighty yards for an eagle, deuce at Cincinnati when she beat Miss Betty Jamieson of San Antonio, Texas, in the semi-finals of the women's Western open.)

"I don't say that our better women golfers could do much good in a men's tournament," Miss Berg said, "but give any of our leading players a way to get that ball out there even with the men on the first shot, and you'll see some close matches between the men and the women."

RESUMPTION OF
DAVIS CUP?

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, predicts a resumption of Davis Cup tennis next year. Sir Norman based his prediction upon Russia's entry into the war, which he said "assures us of a comparatively early victory."

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The postponed Third Division Lawn Tennis League games between Chinese Recreation Club (2) and Kowloon Indian Tennis Club and Army and Craigengower Cricket Club will be played this afternoon.

Easier Golf

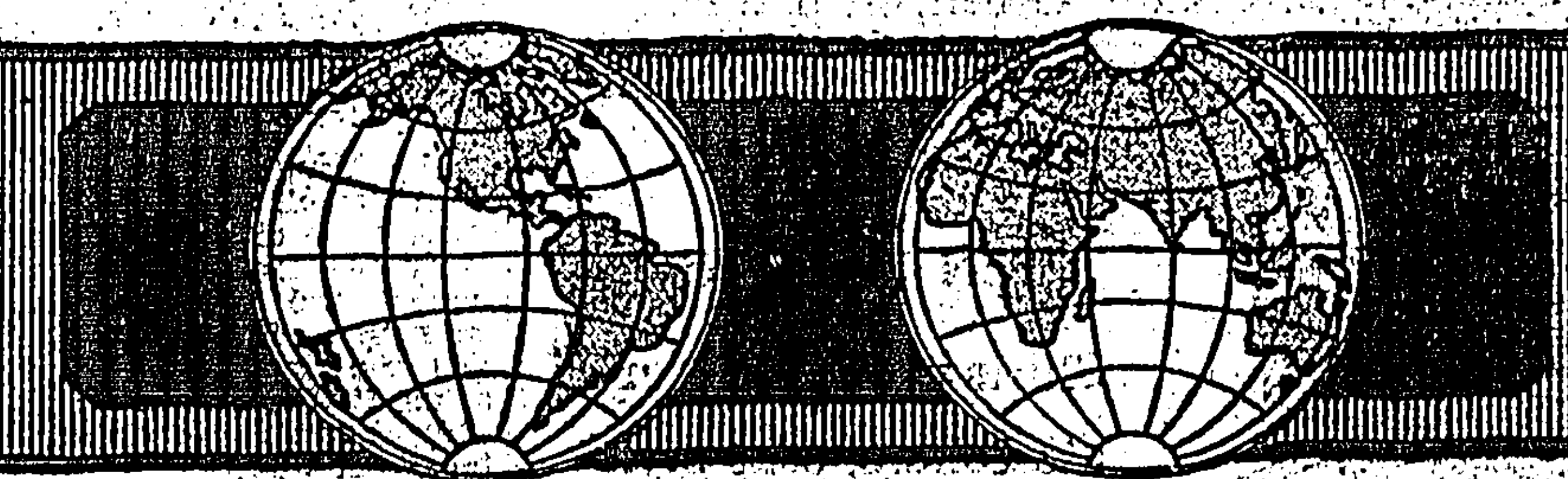
FAILURE TO PIVOT
By Best Ball

While some golfers hesitate to make a full body turn for fear of mishitting, it is often this very failure to pivot sufficiently that causes difficulties. By observing the position of the clubhead at the top of the swing, it is often possible to determine a slicing fault. For instance, too restricted a body pivot in the backswing will result in the clubhead pointing to the left of the direction of play instead of parallel to it, the orthodox method.

The result of such a position is that on the clubhead's descent, it will come down in an arc outside the line of play and cut across the ball to the inside. This outside-in impact is a common cause of slicing.

NEXT ARTICLE

Most Important Golf Hand.

TO-DAY
In Every City on
THE GLOBE

Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but with out the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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THE EPIC OF ODESSA

Graphic Description Of Brilliant Defence

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

A tribute to India's contribution to the war effort was paid by Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in the course of a speech at Aberdeen yesterday.

After referring to the great part played by the Indian forces in Eritrea, Abyssinia and Iraq, and in clearing Syria to open a way through Persia to help Russia, Mr. Amery said:

"Our duty to help Russia was obvious. No less obvious were some of the physical difficulties of time and space which stood in the way."

"One of the immediate tasks before us was to improve communications through Persia so as to enable a really effective flow of munitions to reach the hard-pressed Russian army, and no less urgent and obvious of our people at home was to see that these munitions came forward as rapidly as these communications could be improved."

India's Cooperation

"This was the task which fell largely upon this country but not alone. There too India was playing a great part. She combined with the other Dominions at the Delhi Conference to work out a scheme of cooperation by which all these countries pooled their resources in order to bring about the largest and most rapid munitions production possible."

"That work is now proceeding and is destined in an ever-increasing measure to play its part towards final victory." — *Reuter.*

Rumanians Suffer Huge Losses

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the heroic defence of the Black Sea port of Odessa was given yesterday in a Tass agency report from the city.

The report says repeated Rumanian attacks were broken up with heavy losses. "In an effort to advance along the entire sector held by the formation of Commander Ivan Petrov the enemy hurled in eight or nine divisions."

"Pressing their advance the Rumanians drove a wedge nearly a mile into our positions, throwing a second large force into the gap to support the first."

"The success of the attack seemed assured but at this point the Soviet artillery came into action."

The despatch described how the guns at point-blank range mowed down the attackers and the attack spent itself. The enemy began to retreat, leaving the valley filled with dead and wounded, one Rumanian battalion being completely annihilated.

"The wedge had been cut off at its base and the front line straightened out. Attempts to break through on other sectors of the front were repulsed everywhere."

Fresh Blow

"In the evening the enemy began to mass large forces in gullies

ready for a fresh blow but no sooner was the attack launched than it met a hail of grenades and machine-gun bullets."

"A detachment commanded by Kovtun repulsed the Rumanians' attack and even advanced at several points."

THE DESPATCH POINTS OUT THAT THE DEFENCE OF ODESSA, WHERE THE FRONT IS SHAPED LIKE A NARROW HORSESHOE WITH THE ENDS RESTING ON THE BLACK SEA, HAS ALREADY LASTED ONE MONTH AND A HALF.

"The names of the gallant defenders are renowned over the whole front," the message adds. "Everyone speaks with deep admiration and affection of Ivan Petrov."

"In the worst moments, when it seems that even the iron will and strongest nerves will give way, this valiant and cool-headed commander appears among the troops bringing with him an atmosphere of courage and serene confidence." — *Reuter.*

GREEK KING ON CONTROL OF THE SEAS

KING GEORGE OF THE HELLINES, BROADCASTING TO GREECE LAST NIGHT FROM LONDON, SAID ANYONE WHO CROSSED THE ATLANTIC MUST BE IMPRESSED BY THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE SEAS EXERCISED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The King added: "He who finds himself to-day in this mighty outpost of civilisation, this impregnable fortress—he who witnesses the steadily increasing strength of Britain and her Allies and the incomparable fortitude of the British people—cannot possibly doubt the certainty of victory." — *Reuter.*

AUCHINLECK AT SUEZ

THE BRITISH C-IN-C, MIDDLE EAST, GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINLECK, PAID TWO VISITS TO THE SUEZ CANAL AREA DURING THE WEEK-END.

During an inspection of the docks he boarded a U.S. cargo vessel unloading there.

Later he inspected a battalion of the Rajputana Regiment, took the salute at the march past and lunched with the regiment. He also inspected Ramapur Infantry, visited a heavy A.A. battery and talked to Italian prisoners. — *Reuter.*

ROBBER KILLERS

A Chinese trader was shot dead by robbers who raided his hut in Kut-O Village, Shataukok, yesterday morning. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

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SLAIN IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A special tribunal in Paris has sentenced five hostages to death as it was revealed that Captain Scheben, a German army officer, had been assassinated. The funeral was the first indication of the murder. — International News Service.

MOSCOW ARMS
TALKS BEGIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After preliminary discussions had been completed the Anglo-Russian-American talks in Moscow opened yesterday. — International News Service.

QUESTIONS ALLEGING EXCESSIVE
ISSUE OF EXPLOSIVES WERE MADE TO
P.W.D. FOREMEN WITNESSES AT TO-DAY'S
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
INTO A.R.P. MATTERS.

It was pointed out to one witness that \$18,000 worth of explosives had been issued for a tunnel in which nothing but soft rock had been met with up to two months ago.

Mr. Justice Cressall also alleged, in questions, that foremen who should have been supervising spent their time gambling in the "office" at Hunghom.

Lo Hok-pui, foreman employed at the Public Works Department, Water Works, who is paid on a daily basis at \$2.50, told the Commission that up to the end of August, he had issued \$47,000 worth of explosives in connection with the work on the A.R.P. tunnels in Kowloon.

Witness told the Commission that his duty in connection with the tunnels on the Kowloon side consisted of supervising the work, to see that the levelling was done properly "and such like jobs."

Chairman: What such like jobs? — To count the number of workmen and to see that the work was done properly.

You do that in all the tunnels? — I am looking after five sites. How many sites are there? — Five.

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MIDDLE
EAST
FLARE-UP
LIKELY

(By KENNETH DOWNS)

That the Axis forces are preparing for an attempt to conquer the Middle East as soon as they are forced by winter to stabilise the Russian front, is the opinion I have reached after a survey of the military picture from Turkey to the Western Desert.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING OF THE WAR WILL TAKE PLACE IN THIS THEATRE IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER.

Last week's short-lived German incursion into Egypt may be the preliminary shots in the campaign, Cairo military circles believe.

Despite the toll of shipping exacted by the R.A.F., the Fleet Air Arm and British submarines, the Axis is steadily strengthening its forces in Libya.

Huge stocks of munitions have been piled up as well as large quantities of bombs which are being prepared for the arrival of strong forces of the Luftwaffe.

SPECULATION IS RIFE IN CAIRO WHERE THE FIRST BLOW WILL FALL IN AN AREA REACHING FROM TURKEY TO S. P. A. I. N. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

GREAT BLAZE
AT SKODA
WORKS, PILSEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "News-Chronicle" yesterday reported that the huge Skoda arms plant at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, was ablaze after Czech anti-Nazi sabotage. — International News Service.

GERMANY
TO RISK
CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

With decks cleared for action American warships, it is believed in Washington, will intensify the efforts to hunt down submarines in the north Atlantic after the sinking of the "Pink Star."

Official quarters view the sinking as a direct challenge to President Roosevelt's policy of protecting all ships.

It is thought Germany does not intend to withdraw her warships from American defensive waters but will risk a clash with the U.S. Navy in order to attack ships in the German-declared blockade zone.

In a tacit admission of German responsibility the Nazi spokesman in Berlin said the "Pink Star" was sunk "according to international regulations." — International News Service.

Britain's will to win, he added. Major Whitney said that if the British expected decisive action from the Americans it was necessary to give them a full picture of the situation.

It was necessary before an attitude of expectancy might legitimately be assumed at all. — Reuter.

PRESIDENT TO ASK
REPEAL OF
NEUTRALITY ACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, declaring yesterday that the United States is heading towards the arming of merchantmen as a result of the sinking of the "Pink Star," also told the press that the Administration will probably ask repeal of the Neutrality Act some time next week.

This would allow the arming of American merchant shipping, the President added.

He said it was still under consideration whether the Administration would request repeal of the clause preventing arming.

The President said that ships supplying Britain under Lease Lend would be armed as well.

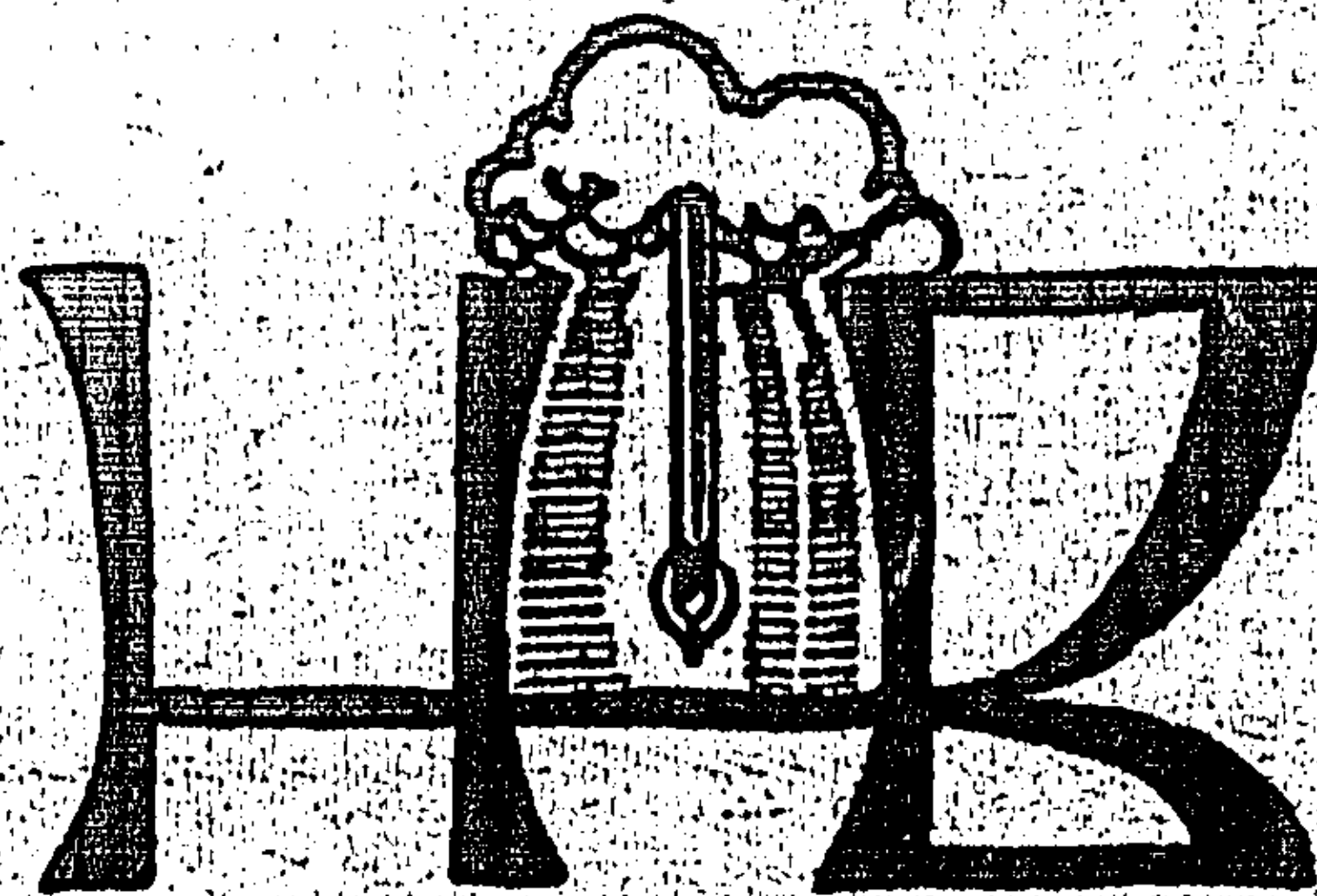
Meanwhile the Office of Production Management announced yesterday that appropriations for American defence and British war orders in the U.S. total \$60,160,000 at the end of August. Largest single category was planes, which accounted for 20.8 per cent. of the total.

As Administration demands mount for repeal of the Neutrality Act, Administration supporters in Congress indicated that the proposed resolution by Representative Hamilton Fish for a declaration of war, would be "steered" and allowed to die in the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Attacking the proposal, Representative Norris (Nebraska) predicted Congress would not approve a formal declaration "at this time."

He added: "If war comes let it come through Hitler." — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B. —



— AND THEN TRY!

Russians Fighting Hard To Evade Kiev Encirclement

Substantial Force Withdrawn

(Military Commentary by "Annalist")

DESPITE THE MOUNTING GERMAN CLAIMS REGARDING THEIR SUCCESSES AT KIEV THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT MARSHAL BUDENNY WITHDREW A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF HIS FORCES AND THOSE THREATENED WITH ENCIRCLEMENT ARE STILL FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESCAPE.

The Germans admit this resistance but allege that an increasing tendency towards disintegration is becoming apparent.

JAPANESE ATTACK IN HUNAN

Over 15,000 Japanese officers and men had been killed and wounded up to Monday in their drive southward from Yochow, according to a Chinese military communique.

The Japanese, the communique stated, have thrown approximately five divisions in to the battle in addition to over 200 steam launches for landing operations and upwards of 100 military planes.

The battle ground covers 70 kilometres both ways with the nearest Japanese spearhead over 80 kilometres to the north of Changsha along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Latest field dispatches revealed that in face of vigorous Chinese counter-attacks, the Japanese have held large reserves behind their front line and it is too early to predict whether the enemy will pour in reinforcements or retreat. The communique suggests that if the enemy does not break the present stalemate soon, there is a possibility of the invaders along the Milo River being completely surrounded.—Central News.

AMERICAN EXPERTS IMPRESSED

President Roosevelt's Lease-Lend expert, Mr. J. D. Biggers, and the Chief of the U.S. Army Ordnance, Major-General Wesson, yesterday visited a number of Midlands armament factories.

Their object was to get further information on the manner in which American factories can cooperate and co-ordinate their output in conjunction with British output.

Both visitors declared themselves deeply impressed with what they saw.

Mr. Biggers said: "I was particularly impressed by the manner in which British manufacturers have converted peacetime machinery to the manufacture of war materials. We shall profit by your experience."—Reuter.

It is perhaps unkind to remind them that they made a similar allegation just eight weeks ago and the disintegration has proved to exist only in their imagination.

Similarly stories of Soviet officers and political commissars abandoning their men can be taken as wishful thinking.

All evidence received from the Russian front has shown the splendid morale of the Russian soldiers and the remarkable comradeship between officers and men which had not proved subversive to discipline.

Although the situation east of Kiev is admittedly confused, thus giving German propaganda an opportunity to exercise its inventiveness, news from Leningrad and Odessa is more clear-cut and distinctly more favourable.

Appalling Losses

Appalling losses have been inflicted upon the German attackers and the Russians have actually gained ground in counter-attacks.

The slaughter among German officers has been particularly heavy, and confirmation of this fact has been found in the captured diary of a Nazi officer of the 93rd Division.

THE WEATHER SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN IN THE LENINGRAD AREA AND THE NIGHTS ARE INTENSELY COLD. RAINS AND MIST ARE IMPEDING OPERATIONS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEFENCE.

In the extreme south, at Odessa, a number of unsuccessful attacks have been severely punished by the Russian defenders and it is reported the Rumanians have had to be stiffened with German reinforcements.

Severe Mauling

In the central sector successful Russian counter-attacks are reported in the neighbourhood of Glukhov, where one of the pincer arms of Marshal von Bock's troops beyond Gomel has been severely mauled.

At Smolensk, too, the initiative is still with Marshal Timoshenko, although it may be expected the Germans will now devote more of their attention to this sector, where they have been driven back as much as 30 miles in places.

After 22 days of violent battle the Russians are still fighting strongly and the only one of their main objectives captured by the Germans is Kiev, the least important militarily and strategically compared with Leningrad or Moscow.—Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT AIR VISITORS

Regarding daylight air activity over Britain yesterday the official communique states there is nothing to report.—British Wireless.

LONG TERM FOR BRUTAL ATTACK

DISMISSED FROM THE STEAM LAUNDRY FOR ALLEGED LAZINESS, LO HING, 32, ASSAULTED 68-YEAR-OLD YU FOO, THE MAN WHOM HE BLAMED FOR HIS DISMISSAL. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Lo was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

It was alleged that after his dismissal, he followed complainant to a tea-house in Shanghai Street, and struck the old man four times with a chopper. The victim is foreman in the Steam Laundry.

LIFE AT STALAG 18

STALAG 18 "A," THE GERMAN PRISON CAMP WHICH CONTAINS 5,300 BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR INCLUDING DOMINION TROOPS CAPTURED IN GREECE AND CRETE, IS STATED BY THE WAR OFFICE TO BE GENERALLY A SATISFACTORY CAMP.

The health of the prisoners is said to be in general satisfactory. Red Cross parcels are arriving well.

Stalag 18 "D" contains 3,500 British prisoners of war from Greece and Crete. The camp is still far from completion but the authorities are working hard at it.

Morale of the prisoners is high and health generally good. Red Cross parcels are also reaching this camp in satisfactory quantities.—British Wireless.

NAZIS IMPRESSED BY LENINGRAD DEFENCE SYSTEM

THE SUPERIORITY of the Leningrad defence system compared to the Maginot Line, both as regards the number of fortifications and their adaptation to the swampy terrain, is admitted in the German "Militaerische Korrespondenz und Deutschland."

It says: "The French fought with traditional bravery but without the deep political conviction which makes the Russians more stubborn and is causing heavy losses."

It says the Russian defences have proved "extraordinarily severe obstacles" consisting of huge tank traps and rows of often 10 or 12 miles deep — of pine trunks rammed several yards into the earth, as well as pine trees cut down a yard above the ground, concrete pyramids and barbed wire.

Garrisons were able to occupy the great ring of forts immediately the squads of civil workers had finished their construction, it adds.

The forts are fully protected against all but the heaviest bombs and shells.

Tribute is also paid to the garrisons formed by Leningrad factory workers which "have proved excellent" despite their very short training.

AIR ATTACKS ARE OF LITTLE USE IN THESE SECTORS. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES.—REUTER.

VON PAPEN RETURNS TO TURKEY

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, arrived back in Turkey by air yesterday from his visit to Germany, according to an Istanbul telegram to Berlin.

Von Papen proceeded to the summer residence of the German Embassy at Therapia, the telegram adds.—Reuter.

British Advance at Tobruk

Yesterday's Cairo G.H.Q. communique announced that the British forces at Tobruk are steadily penetrating beyond the perimeter defences.

The communique stated: "As a result of their victorious patrolling activities our forces at Tobruk are steadily enlarging the area outside our perimeter defences which the enemy is forced nightly to evacuate."

"In the frontier area aggressive action by our patrols is continuing."—Reuter.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN HUNAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An extremely severe battle is raging along the whole north Hunan front, with the Japanese throwing in more than 100,000 men assisted by an increased number of planes; the Chinese troops are resisting stubbornly.

Chungking says heavy casualties were suffered by the Japanese but the onslaught is continuing unabated.

General Hsueh Yuen, defending Changsha, believed to be the Japanese objective, has been given \$100,000 for relief by the Chinese Government.—International News Service.

China's Air Attack

Chinese air squadrons yesterday took active part in operations on the north Hunan front and succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties on Japanese land units and naval craft on the Milo River and the Tungting Lake.

Chinese troops were greatly cheered by the presence of the war planes and launched wave after wave of attacks on the Japanese.

Fighting now centres principally on the banks of the Milo River where the Japanese main forces are being subjected to localised attacks.—Central News.

RAID ON GERMAN AIR BASE

The destruction of a German aerodrome and 17 planes is described by the Moscow radio.

Near the town of "S" the Germans built an aerodrome from which they tried to attack Leningrad. Capt. Iermachenkev received orders to locate this aerodrome.

After some hours flying he found it and saw enemy pilots preparing to carry out a raid. They did not see him and he returned to base.

A short time later, with an air squadron of bombers and fighters, he returned. The Germans were taken by surprise when the Russians began to bomb the aerodrome and machine-gun it.

In the first attack 12 enemy planes were destroyed and in the next attack five more. Three Messerschmitts attempted to take off but were shot down.

The enemy aerodrome was destroyed and a big oil store set on fire.

All the Russian planes returned safely.—British Wireless.

LIFT OPERATOR CAUTIONED

A 55-year-old lift operator, Tam Ping, was cautioned, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing four bottles of pills from the office of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company yesterday.

Accused stated that he was sick and needed the pills to cure himself.

FIFTY SHOT IN CROATIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The execution before firing squads of 50 Jews and Communists, "purveyors of Communist propaganda" and "intellectual perpetrators" of the recent Zagreb bombing, was announced by the Croatian Minister of Interior yesterday.—International News Service.

BURGLAR GAOLED

Lee Ching, 23, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for burglary at No. 3, Lower Lascar Row. Detective Sub-Inspector F. Nolan said accused stole clothing from the premises.

REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT

Crippling, Asserts Col. Knox Battleship For Atlantic Sweep

AFTER WATCHING THE HUGE NEW 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP "MASSACHUSETTS" LAUNCHED BEFORE A THOUSAND CHEERING PEOPLE YESTERDAY MORNING, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, DECLARED THE NEUTRALITY ACT IS "CRIPPLING" THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTRY AND SAID IT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPEALED.

"There should be no handicap on those trying to keep the war away from these shores," Col. Knox said. "We must waste no time in repealing the Neutrality Act."

The "Massachusetts" was launched without incident and even before her bow touched the water the keel for a new cruiser, the U.S.S. Flint, was laid on the spot she had just vacated.

Sea Power

Declaring that if American security was to be maintained the United States must "rely for years to come on the dominance of sea power," Col. Knox added, "It is essential that aid should be sent when and where it is needed."

"Our task is to keep the fighting away from America. Let us free the hands of our Commander-in-Chief," (President Roosevelt).

Col. Knox asserted that recent events on the Russian front "made the prospects of Russian victory dim."

He need not elaborate on this statement except to say that casualties in Russia were greater than in any other conflict in history, and that the fighting in Russia "has a direct bearing on our own situation."

For Atlantic Duty

Col. Knox said it was possible the battleship just launched might have to "participate in another fight for human liberty."

He declared that the "Massachusetts" and other ships recently launched or building would carry the heaviest guns afloat and would participate in the job handed over to the Navy "of seeing that the sea lanes between America and Britain are kept free."

Repeal of the Neutrality Act was also advocated yesterday by Mr. John Green, President of the Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America.

No Turning Back

Speaking at the Union's National Convention at Atlantic City he said: "We support President Roosevelt's foreign policy."

"We agree with his pronouncements. We agree with the eight-point programme. President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill gave the world, and we agree with his actions to implement these pronouncements, and we say there is no turning back."

"If the Neutrality Act is in the way let it be wiped off the Statute Books."—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL HAS NEW OFFICE

The King has appointed Mr. Winston Churchill to be Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports in place of the late Lord Willingdon. The Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports is the honorary historic office dating from the time when the five ports on the south-east coast were of great importance to British defence. — British Wireless.

ARMING U.S. MERCHANT SHIPPING

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that the Administration is studying the question of arming American merchant ships, says Reuter from Washington.

FINNS MEET WITH SHARP REVERSE AT MAKESYACH

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

FOUR BATTALIONS of Finns have been forced out of fortified positions in the neighbourhood of Makesyach and a large number killed, according to the Soviet army organ "Red Star" yesterday.

The Finns had established themselves in trenches and machine-gun nests, put down field mines and made full use of the terrain, which is broken country with woods and marshes and stretches of poor soil, with large granite boulders.

After lengthy scouting of the enemy positions the Soviet troops made a feint attack in front while the main force attacked from the flank and ejected the Finns from a series of positions.

The "Red Star" also declares that two regiments of the 102nd German Infantry Division have been defeated, two battalions being completely smashed, in fighting near a place described by the initial "I," on the north-western sector of the front, which the enemy had seized.

The Soviet troops, says the newspaper, advanced under artillery cover and engaged the enemy with bayonets. The engagement developed into a larger battle, resulting in the throwing back of two German regiments. — Reuter.

WOMAN'S ASSAULT ON CONSTABLE

A fine of \$100, or six weeks' hard labour, was imposed, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Yeung Tung, 45, widow, for assaulting an Indian Police Constable (No. B710) in Second Street near Centre Street. She was cautioned on a second charge of causing an obstruction in Second Street.

It was stated that about 4.15 p.m. on Monday, the constable ordered accused, who was a hawker, to leave Second Street as she was causing an obstruction. Ten minutes later the constable saw accused in the same spot and arrested her. On the way to the Police Station, accused put

FIGHTING A COMMON BATTLE

"FROM THE MOMENT RUSSIA CAME INTO THE WAR WE HAVE BEEN DOING OUR BEST TO SEND HELP IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY," DECLARED MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT A LUNCHEON ORGANISED BY EX-OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL TANK REGIMENT.

"We are fighting a common battle and obviously it is commonsense and right that we should do our utmost to support our Allies in every way."

Mr. Attlee added: "We shall beat the Germans with our tanks not only because of the skill and courage of our men but because of the skill, inventiveness and devotion of our engineers."—Reuter.

THE TITLEBAUM TRIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The trial of Sam Titlebaum, former U.S. Deputy Marshal in Shanghai, for concealing his identity and falsifying finger-prints when applying for the post, has been delayed awaiting the arrival of important documents from Washington, though the defence is ready to proceed.—International News Service.

up a struggle, complainant's arm being severely scratched. Sergeant K. McLeod prosecuted.

THIRD OF GERMAN ARMY CLAIMED HORS-DE-COMBAT

SPEAKING IN LONDON yesterday the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, said that at a moderate estimate German losses in the east were some 3,000,000 killed, wounded and missing, and in three months the number of 'planes destroyed was something like 8,500. About one-third of the entire German army was now hors-de-combat.

Russia was not fighting for herself alone but for the security and freedom of other nations, declared M. Maisky, adding "The fate of humanity for many generations to come is being decided around Leningrad and in the Ukraine."

There was no doubt that Hitler's original plan had been upset and the blitzkrieg had failed miserably. German losses were colossal and the figures issued by the German Command a few days ago could be considered utterly ridiculous.

M. Maisky gave the Russian estimate of German losses but added nevertheless hard facts proved the German war machine was still strong and Russia was facing an immensely difficult situation.

Too much reliance should not be placed on such uncertainties as "General Winter" and "General Mud."

With the modern technique of war these factors had been considerably minimised and by now perhaps "General Winter" had been reduced to Colonel and "General Mud" to Major or Lieutenant.

No Standstill

The war on the eastern front would not be at a standstill either in the autumn or winter and the Soviet people did not base their views on such a doubtful calculation.

"Russia too had suffered heavy losses. The enemy had occupied important industrial districts and the Russians had been obliged to evacuate a number of factories and plants and some time must elapse before they could start again on new sites."

That made it more difficult for Russia to replace losses in material and it was at this juncture that the other freedom loving nations must step into the breach.

Right To Expect

"The Soviet people," he declared, "have the right to expect that cooperation, as they are fighting heroically — men, women and even children — not only for themselves but for the freedom and security of other countries. All these other countries cannot but realise that in sending aeroplanes and tanks to the Soviet Union they are in fact rendering aid to themselves." — Reuter.

Freedom Of Worship

Mr. Maisky, who was speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce gathering, disposed of misconceptions regarding freedom of worship in Russia.

"In spite of what is thought by so many," he said, "religion in my country is not persecuted and every citizen has the right to believe or not to believe according to conscience."

"Article 124 of the Stalin Constitution reads: 'In order to ensure to citizens freedom of conscience the Church in the U.S.S.R. is separated from the State and

the schools from the Church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognised for all citizens."

"This article is a clear and by no means dead letter, indeed in 1940 in the U.S.S.R. there were over 30,000 independent religious communities of every kind, over 8,000 churches and about 60,000 priests and ministers of religion. Believers practise religions freely, frequent services, marry in church, christen their children, have religious funerals."

German Assertions

Mr. Maisky also mentioned that in the new Polish army now being created on the territory of Russia, Roman Catholic chaplains were admitted to administer to the forces.

Dealing with the Russo-German campaign M. Maisky said: "The assertion of the German High Command that their losses to August 31 amounted to little more than 400,000 men, including 6,900 fliers and 725 aircraft, can only be considered ridiculous."

"It is enough to look at losses in the air force. Taking as an average of three fliers per machine, both bombers and fighters, on their showing the losses of German 'planes should be 2,300, not 725."

"But even this does not fully expose the lies. According to a conservative estimate actual losses suffered by Germany consist of some 3,000,000 men killed, wounded and missing. The number of German 'planes destroyed within the first three months of the war in the east amounts to something like 8,500." — British Wireless.

LEASE, LEND FOR RUSSIA POSSIBLE

The American administrator of the Lease-Lend programme, Mr. Stettinius, has urged the House of Representatives sub-committee for appropriations, which is considering the latest Lease-Lend Appropriation Bill, to reject any prohibitions which would bar aid to Russia, according to information from informed House members.

Mr. Stettinius explained that it is not the U.S. Government's policy now to extend aid to Russia through the Lease-Lend programme but he emphasised that in view of the uncertainty of the future any restrictive provisions would be especially undesirable. — Reuter.

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The price of a 4-lb. white loaf of bread will, with certain small exceptions, be reduced from 8½d. to 8d. from October 6.

The Ministry also announced that the U.S. is sending a million cases of canned salmon under the Lease-Lend facilities while Canada is also sending one million cases.

This, with considerably increased imports of canned pilchards and herrings, will mean that during the third year of war the available supply of canned fish will exceed even that of pre-war years.

Controlled prices of several kinds of fresh fish are now being reduced.

The Ministry spokesman said that while it was not desirable to reveal total imports of foodstuffs from the U.S. it could be said the U.S. will be sending 255 million lbs. of cheese.

Changing Methods

The U.S. and the Dominions, he said, were changing their agricultural methods to suit British requirements. Thus New Zealand was changing from butter to cheese-making and Australia was making similar efforts, while Canada had undertaken to increase fourfold her export of bacon.

The spokesman further indicated that the Ministries of Food and Health are considering additional measures to control the price and quality of substitutes for eggs and various fruits in order to secure quality and prevent fraud.—Reuter.

Honour Of A Flag

It was stated in London yesterday that Rome radio lately has been making capital out of the alleged bombing of a hospital at Gondar and the heroic counter-attacks made by the garrison.

Italian hospitals have on no occasion been deliberately bombed, although at Direddawa and Alomata hospitals marked with the Red Cross were found to contain munition and aircraft stores.

No land attacks have been made by the British in the Gondar area and only patrols have been active.

Gondar in no way menaces the British military position. It has no strategic importance whatever and is in no way comparable to Tobruk.

In fact Italian broadcasts have frequently stressed the fact that Gondar only holds out "for the honour of the flag" and that it is purely a token resistance without military significance.—British Wireless.

HONG KONG SQUADRON

The following is a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor, Minister of Aircraft Production gratefully acknowledges latest generous gift for bombers. Continued support affords us great encouragement and brings nearer day when Hong Kong Squadron will bring new strength to our bombing forces.

Pudding Mail

One hundred soldiers have been loaned to the Army Post Office to cope with the enormous last-minute rush of Christmas postings to the forces in the Middle East, India and Malaya.

A large number of army lorries have been requisitioned to ensure that the gigantic mail reaches the ships in time.

Latest figures of Christmas postings show more than 2,000,000 letters and cards and 250,000 parcels, many bearing the label "Not to be opened until Christmas Day."

BAYONET CHARGE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

The Germans have been driven back seven miles after a Russian bayonet charge on one sector of the Leningrad front, says the official Russian news agency quoted by Reuter.

MANCHESTER GIRL'S ESCAPE

A Manchester girl who escaped from Brussels to France, only to be hounded far south by the invaders, described how at one town a hotel keeper reopened the hotel for refugees and refused payment.

At the frontier station two old women pressed the Gold Cross of Lorraine—emblem of Free France—into the Manchester girl's hand, saying: "Tell General de Gaulle, tell England, we are counting on them."—British Wireless.

Sixty per cent contain puddings and cakes and at the Army Post Office the whole consignment is known as the "pudding mail." — Reuter.

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GENERAL DE GAULLE SETS UP NATIONAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL DE GAULLE, head of the Free French forces, announced yesterday the formation of a Free French National Committee to act as trustees for France until a constitutionally representative Government is established.

Announcing the committee General de Gaulle said it would be a matter for the United States and other nations to decide whether the new Committee would be recognised instead of the Vichy Government.

Dealing with the Free French Defence Council under the new National Committee, General de Gaulle said the war had shown the necessity of decentralisation and the Defence Council in its modest way had met the same need, recognised by the British Government when they sent Mr. Duff-Cooper to Singapore.

General de Gaulle added: "I would like to make clear our position regarding the constitution and laws of the French Republic. That constitution and those laws have been violated first by the invader and then every day by the accomplices of the invader at Vichy."

"THE FREE FRENCH RECOGNISE NONE OF THOSE VIOLATIONS."

Hence the Free French, he added, were obliged to exercise de facto authority, tantamount to

delegation of the national interest, which would be handed back to the national representation when that was possible. — Reuter.

RED CROSS FUND BENEFITS

Sir Courtauld Thomson, Chairman of Red Cross sales, yesterday handed a cheque for £30,000 to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. Included in the amount, which comprises the proceeds of Red Cross sales, is £700 realised by the King's gift of wine at the first Red Cross wine sale. With the addition of this cheque the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund was increased by £32,926.—British Wireless.

IF THE NAZIS REACH THE CAUCASUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Express" and the B.B.C. yesterday stated that British troops will fight beside the Red Army if the Nazis reach the Caucasus. —International News Service.

AMERICANS JOIN ARMY IN CANADA

Ten thousand U.S. citizens are now serving in the Canadian Army.

This was revealed in Quebec yesterday by the Minister for National War Services, Mr. J. T. Thorson.

He added that Americans make up eight per cent. of all air crews, pilots, observers and gunners training under the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme, while 600 Americans were acting as instructors at training centres.

Mr. Thorson said the strength of Canada's active service army to-day numbers 30,000 men. — Reuter.

SIR PAUL LATHAM SENTENCED

CAPTAIN SIR HERBERT PAUL LATHAM, AGED 36, FORMER M.P. FOR SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY, WHO WAS RECENTLY TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO BE CASHIERED AND IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT HARD LABOUR.

Capt. Latham, who was attached to the 70th Searchlight Regiment of the Royal Artillery, had been found guilty on 11 charges under the Army Act, 10 of them alleging disgraceful conduct of an improper kind while on active service and the eleventh attempted suicide.

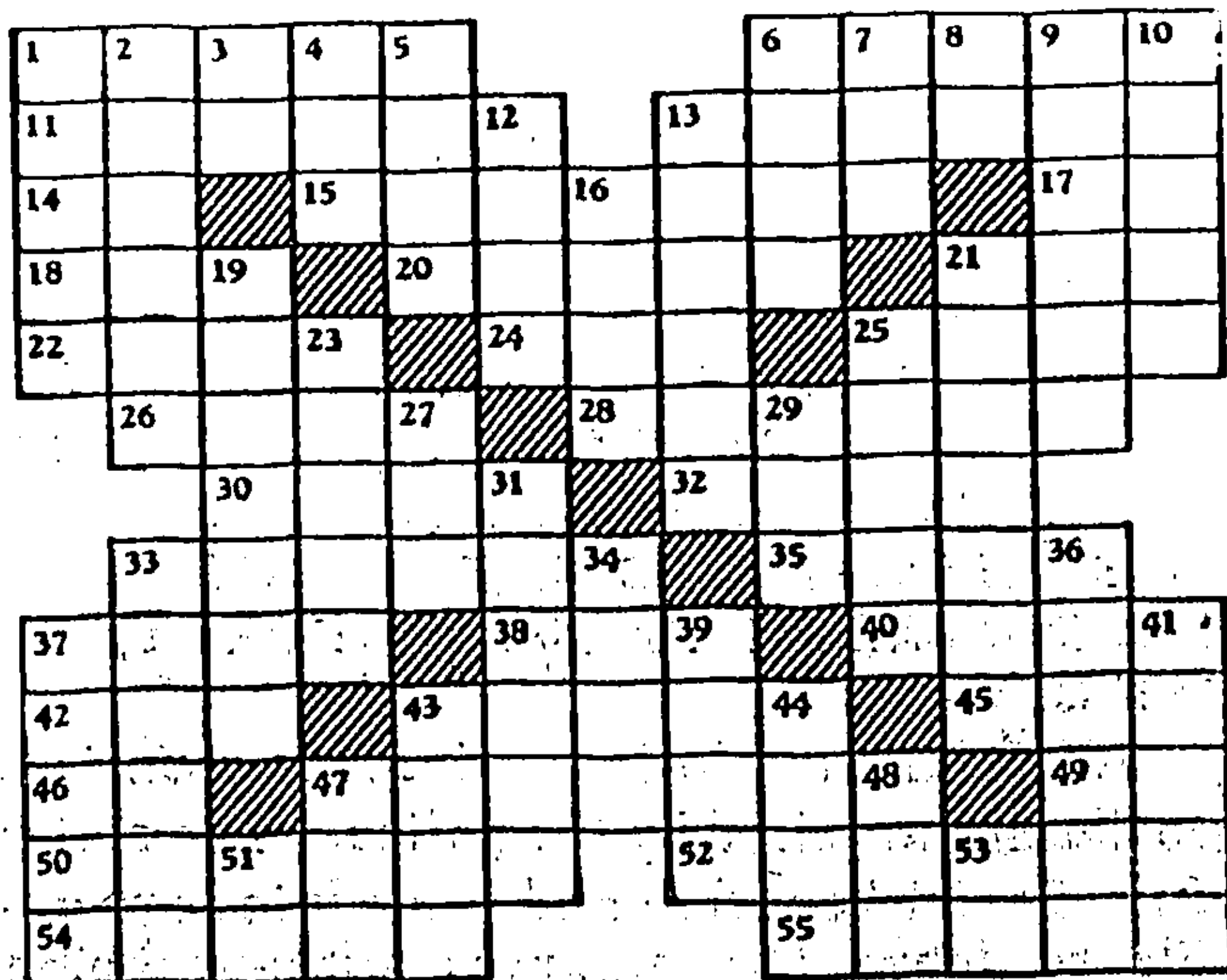
Latham had pleaded not guilty to a total of 14 charges on three of which he was found not guilty. —Reuter.

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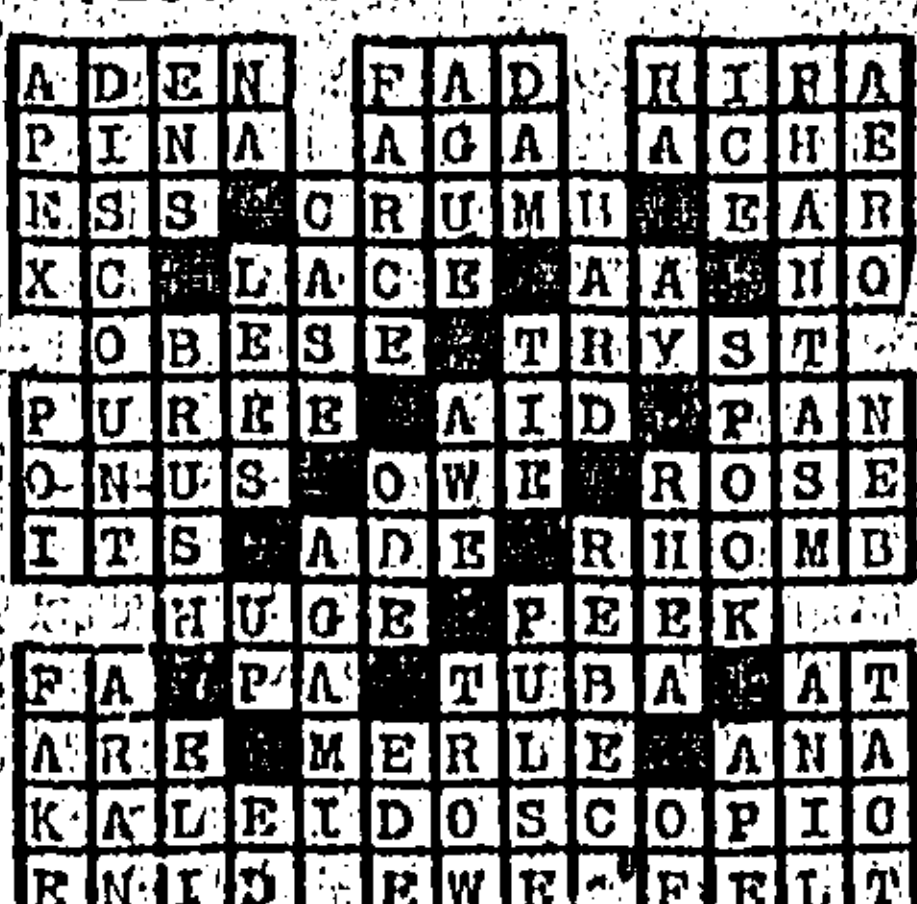
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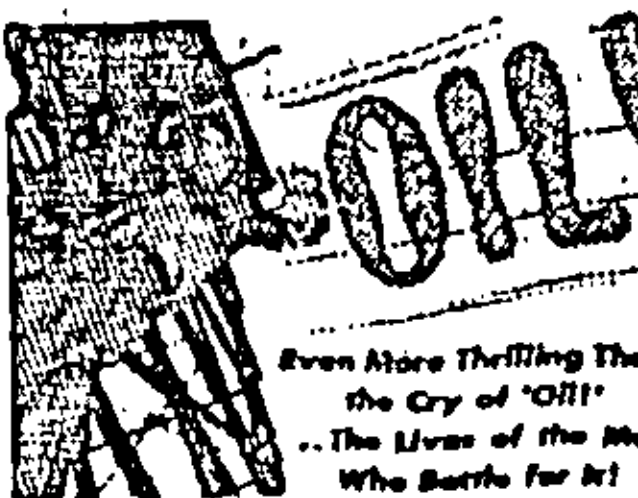
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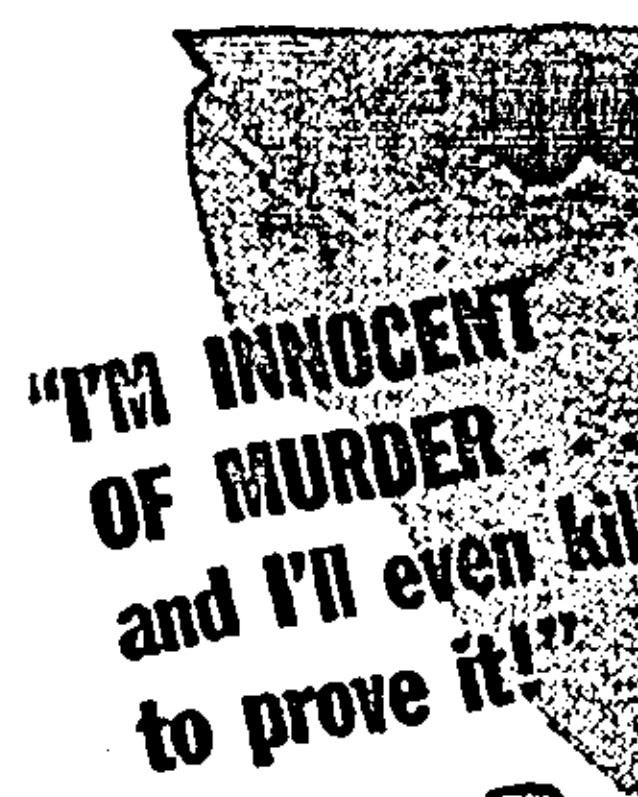


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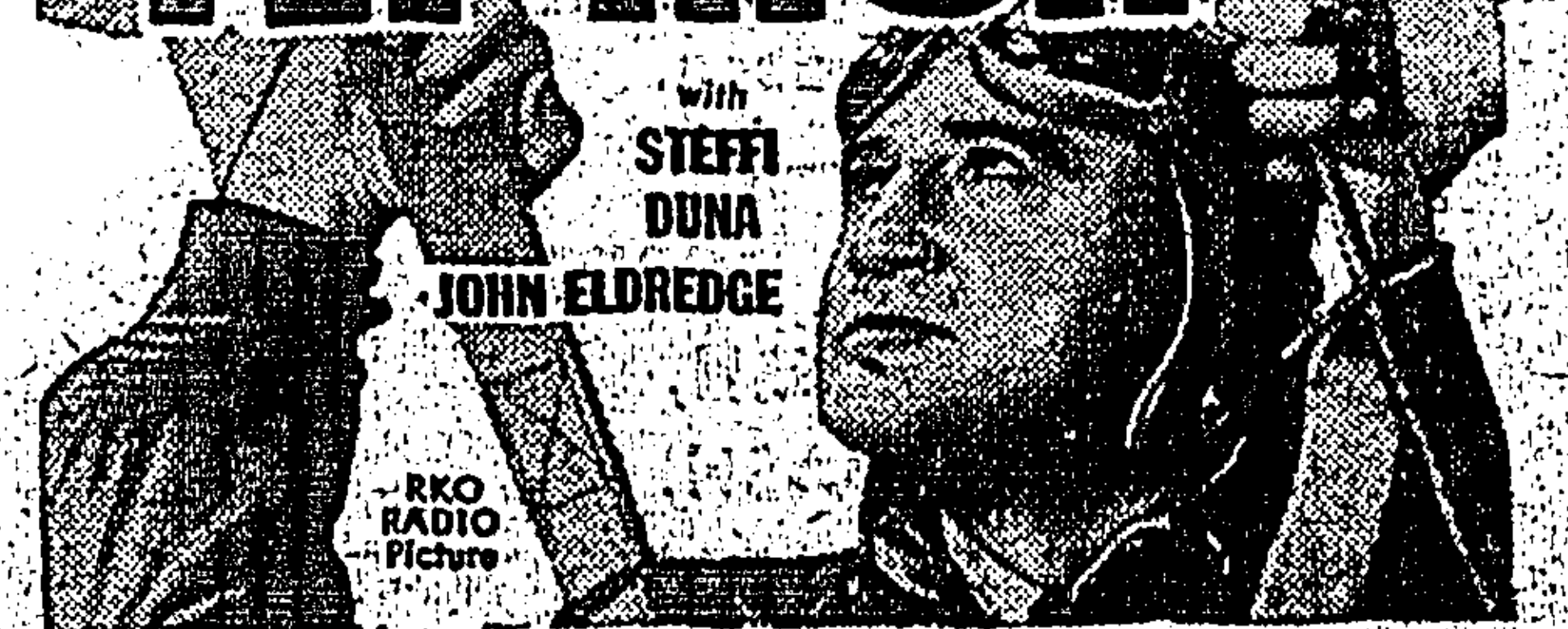
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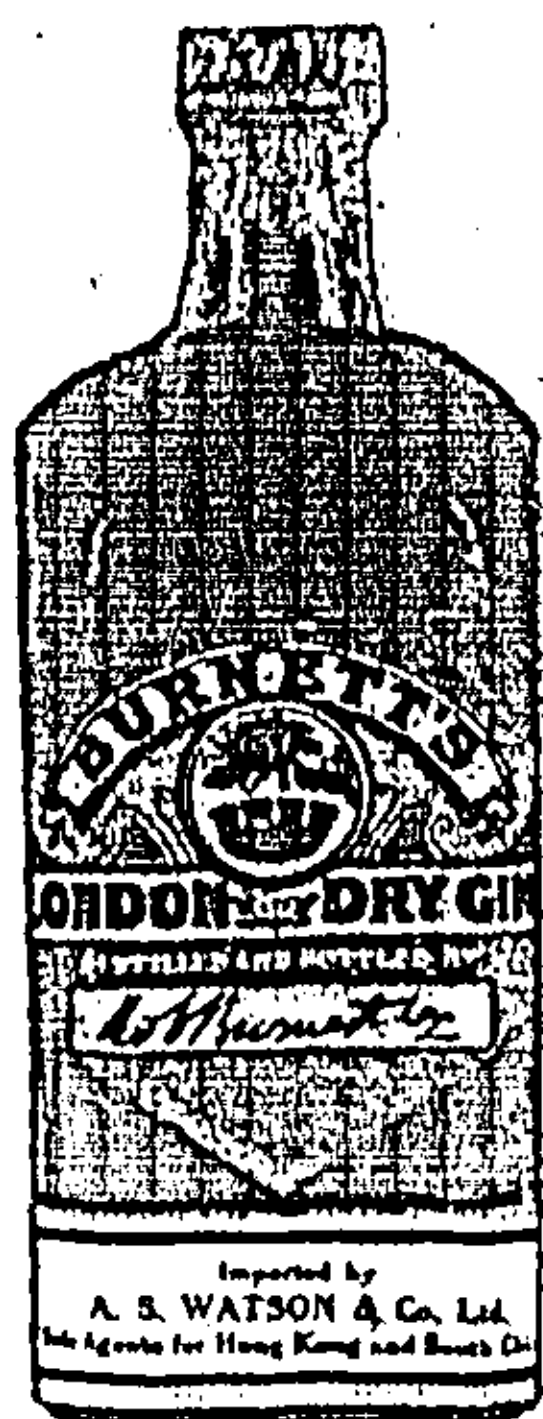
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Germans Now Dig In For Winter Campaign

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow,
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MAJOR-GENERAL SOKOLOVSKY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET COMMAND ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, TELLS ME THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS ARE DIGGING IN "OVER HUNDREDS, ONE MIGHT SAY, THOUSANDS OF KILOMETRES. THEY ARE TAKING UP DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH TRENCH WARFARE, MUD AND WINTER IN PROSPECT," HE SAID.

The German reserves are not "exhausted but they are approaching the point where they will be."

The General thought the Germans would lose greatly in manoeuvrability in a winter campaign. "They are already beginning to substitute horses for petrol vehicles," he said.

"The roads are getting bad and the Germans are unquestionably suffering from a petrol shortage. The winter cold will create new problems for the Germans."

"The Russians all have a sheepskin coat and snow boots. As the Finnish campaign showed the Russians can stand 50 degrees of frost, if necessary staying out of doors night and day, while the Germans can't."

Explaining the reasons for the failure of the German attempt to break through the Smolensk sector in the drive on Moscow, Major-General Sokolovsky gave impressive figures of Nazi losses.

Since they stated their drive against Smolensk, he said, the Germans had lost 1,950 planes in this one sector alone.

Nearing Smolensk

Since the beginning of September, he said, Russian counter-attacks had resulted in the recapture of territory six to 30 miles in depth over a 60-mile front.

Ten German divisions have been totally or partly destroyed and the Germans recently had been obliged to throw in 10 more divisions.

These troops had been brought up from other parts of the front but there was no evidence they had come from the Leningrad sector.

The Russians were now some 25 miles from Smolensk, the General said.

He was very emphatic concerning the great superiority, especially in the quality of Russian artillery. This, he said, was master of the field whereas the diffuseness and inaccuracy of the German fire was striking.

The Germans' main losses in this sector, totalling some thousands of men, had largely been inflicted by artillery, he said.

Air Superiority

At present the Russian air force also holds superiority on this front, and enemy planes are evading air battles.

A factor of great importance in the German failure on the Smolensk front was the weakness of their rear as a result of guerrillas' activity and the hostility of the local populations, the General explained.

This weakness was increasing, he said.

A large number of troops must have been sent from the front to take care of the rear.

"Only main roads, such as the Minsk-Orsha-Smolensk road, are properly under German control. Off the main roads the Germans hesitate to venture except in large forces, and guerrillas are constantly attacking their columns and convoys."—Reuter.

A GREAT EVENT

The introduction on October 10 of a reduced Empire press rate of 1d. per word has been described as "a great event" by Mr. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information.

In a message to Sir Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Cable and Wireless, read at a Glasgow luncheon yesterday, Mr. Bracken stated: "When the rate comes into operation the flow of news and comment between Great Britain and every corner of the British Commonwealth will be stimulated and increased."

"Every Empire country will enjoy the same facilities and Empire newspapermen will be free from the restrictions which the old cable costs imposed."—Reuter.

TANKS FOR RUSSIA WEEK

This is "Tanks for Russia Week" and preliminary reports suggest the output will represent the greatest production drive Britain has ever seen.

Hourly reports reaching the Ministry of Supply confirm this.

Over 2,000 workers at one Midland tank factory should have had two days holiday in lieu of holidays foregone at Whitsuntide. They have again voluntarily deferred their holiday.

From another factory, already working a 6½ day week with much overtime, preliminary reports indicate production is likely to be stepped up. Similar reports are coming from other plants.

A representative of workers in Midland tank factories yesterday sent a telegram to Lord Beaverbrook in Moscow pledging themselves "to break all records from now on in aid of Tanks for Russia Week."—Reuter.

BULGARIAN TENSION GROWS

TRAVELLERS REACHING ANKARA REPORT THAT VERY ACTIVE MILITARY PREPARATIONS CONTINUE IN BULGARIA AND THAT THE GERMANS ARE TAKING OVER THE BULGARIAN RAILWAYS FOR THEIR OWN USE.

All foreigners in Bulgaria, it is reported, are closely watched by the police. The staffs of the Soviet Legation and consulates are unable to leave the premises without being watched by Gestapo agents.

There are at present only four Soviet women in Bulgaria.

In Ankara diplomatic circles opinions are divided regarding German activities in Bulgaria. Some observers take the view that they are intended to facilitate an attack by sea against the Caucasus.

OTHERS SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BRING PRESSURE ON TURKEY ONCE THE GERMANS HAVE REACHED THE CAUCASUS.

A third group is of opinion that their aim is to bring pressure to bear on Turkey to obtain the passage of warships through the Dardanelles and, eventually, the transit of their troops through Turkey.

Not Immediate

The Turks stress, however, that they do not consider the present developments in Bulgaria to be

on a sufficiently large scale to constitute a threat to this country.

Yet a fourth group considers that German activities in Bulgaria aim at obtaining entire control of the country in order to make it a base for operations against either Russia or Turkey.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE SWEEP

An Air Ministry communique states: "It is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed by our fighters during the offensive operations over Northern France last Saturday, bringing the total that day to 16."—British Wireless.

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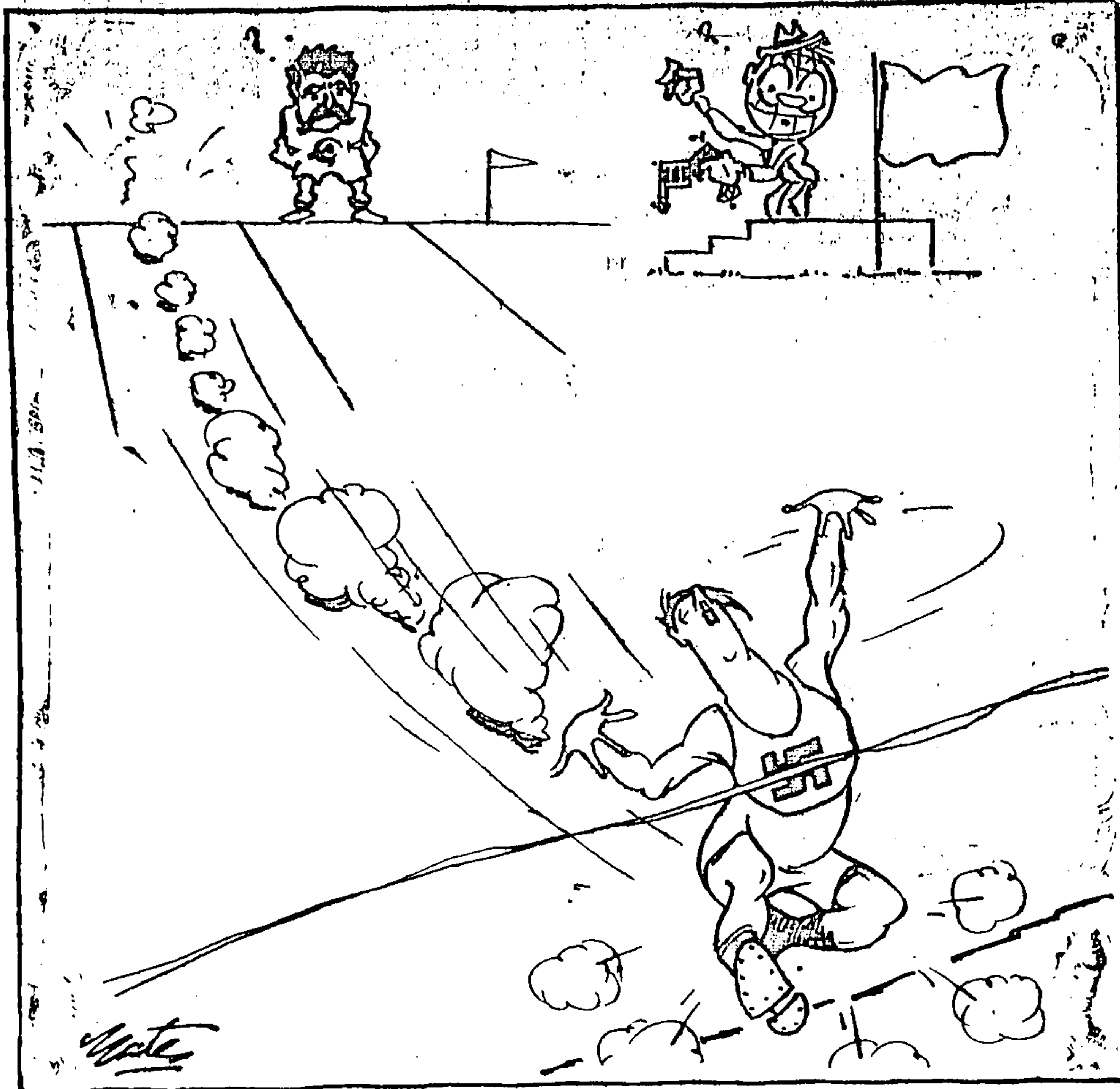
ENCIRCLEMENT

The Japanese began talking about encirclement some months ago. They talked angrily and defiantly about it. They would not have it. They would seize sources of supply and tell us to keep our distance, or else.

Then came the freezing of credits and the licensing of exports. Japan was suddenly aware that her freedom of movement outside of territorial waters and of the South China Sea was threatened. Encirclement became the theme of the hour in Japan. The militarists denounced it angrily. Every one else discussed it with alarm, and into these nervous discussions there crept a note of injury. Then came the Roosevelt - Churchill conference and the announcement of the joint determination to aid Russia; and, angry and alarmed as the Japanese outcry was, the keynote of it was a sense of injury. There was the Russian bugaboo again, right in Japan's back yard!

It seems very likely that the movement of Japanese reinforcements to Korea and Manchuria, which followed closely upon Hitler's plunge into European Russia and coincided with the invasion of southern Indo-China, was primarily defensive. Japan meant to concentrate on the southern adventure when Moscow's resistance collapsed, but she had to guard her northern frontiers against irresponsible Russian armies in the event of Moscow's collapse. Japan also owed it to herself to be ready to get into Siberia and entrench herself there if chaotic conditions again offered her such an opportunity as she seized and then surrendered twenty years ago. At any rate, she had reason to look upon the situation to the north as safe until it might later suit her purpose to disturb it. The initiative was securely in her hands.

Now she sees that whole situation in a different light. Russia is not collapsing. No single army has collapsed. The Russians are just backing away, and they may go on doing that. Meanwhile, the Far Eastern armies will not be without supplies, for the United States has undertaken to ship oil and other war materials to them. These shipments must go through Japan's own barrier chain of islands, behind which her own Navy could, of course, stop them. But she



JUMPING THE GUN AGAIN.

In Government Service

My uncle Carolls used to say that it was very important that a young man should be fixed for life. According to my uncle, there was too much energy wasted in trying to make a career. My uncle used to say that however much a man may use his brains he must die in the end. According to my uncle, as this was the case it was better to join Government Service from the start.

could not stop the swarms of American planes, flown from Alaska, which might then reinforce the striking power of the Far Eastern Red armies. If Stalin cared to look upon interference with his supplies as an unneutral act and to denounce the pact he signed with Mr. Matsuoka, those armies, whose mettle Japan has already sampled to her chagrin, plus the submarines at Vladivostok, might adopt an attitude that would force Japan to abandon every other objective.

Japan is encircled. She faces the prospect of being slowly disarmed by attrition. It is a terrible situation for a nation that has had everything its own way for ten years — except in China — breaking treaties at will, expanding through armed aggression, allying herself with the enemies of civilisation, blackmailing supplies from the nations whom her monopolists were driving out of one market after another, and looking forward to the establishment of a great self-sufficient empire from which she could sell the rest of the world its products at her own price. Japan is encircled, by the consequences of her own outrages against international decency.

My uncle Carolls used to say that the great thing about Government Service was that it avoided the trouble of thinking and tiring your brain. According to my uncle, half the trouble in the world was due to people acting on their own judgment. My uncle used to say that in Government Service you do not go by judgment but by the regulations.

My uncle always used to tell the story about his good friend a Proctor and Notary who was having a good practice drafting petitions, but he soon got ambitious and started taking cases. My uncle used to say that he was a very uncertain person and could not sleep at nights because he was never sure whether he was right or wrong. According to my uncle,

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after some time he chuckled the whole thing and entered the clerical service. My uncle used to say that he was much happier in Government Service for he did not have to bother about right and wrong and could sleep both night and day.

My uncle used to say that Government Service was the best profession for a young man as it was the only organisation that made no distinction about merit. According to my uncle, this was only natural as you could not expect every man to be equally intelligent. My uncle used to say where else would you find an organisation which considered seniority of service more important than brains for promotion. According to my uncle, this gave everyone a chance for a man must get older even if he cannot get cleverer.

My uncle Carolls used to say that once you got into Government service it was very difficult to get out of it unless you did something. In my uncle's opinion people were anyway too restless. My uncle used to say that being in Government Service taught one virtuous habits such as keeping quiet and contemplating.

My uncle Carolls used to say that being in Government Service taught one not to be so vain as to take seriously what others said about one. According to my uncle, people were always complaining about Government Servants and if one ever listened to them one would be badly discouraged. My uncle used to say that if you took no notice people stopped complaining after a while. According to my uncle if anyone was really

getting personal you could charge him for a breach of the regulations.

My uncle used to say that what was much more aggravating than public criticism was a superior officer who was always finding fault. In my uncle's opinion, not enough care was taken in the selection of Government Servants for you sometimes got one who stuck to the letter and not the spirit of the regulations. My uncle used to say that the only thing to do in such a case was to get your friends to send a petition against him.

My uncle Carolls used to speak very highly of the Government Service habit of giving you a pension when you retired. According to my uncle this was quite in keeping with the traditions of the service for there was no reason why a man should cease being paid for doing nothing merely because he had passed a certain age.

My uncle Carolls used to say that Government Service gave you more holidays than any other profession. According to my uncle, if you were fortunate enough to get a travelling allowance for your job you could spend your holidays visiting many interesting places.

My uncle Carolls used to say that being in Government Service increased your chances of a good marriage. According to my uncle, in these days of uncertainty parents-in-law preferred a safe job to a decent education. My uncle used to say that there was once a time when a lawyer or professional man was considered a good match, but nowadays everybody was thinking that the risk was too great.

My uncle used to say that such jobs had some status, but what was the use of status unless one was already well-off. According to my uncle, Government Service was unique in giving both status and security. According to my uncle, even though it may sometimes not pay much you could always live fairly comfortably if you knew how to employ the regulations.

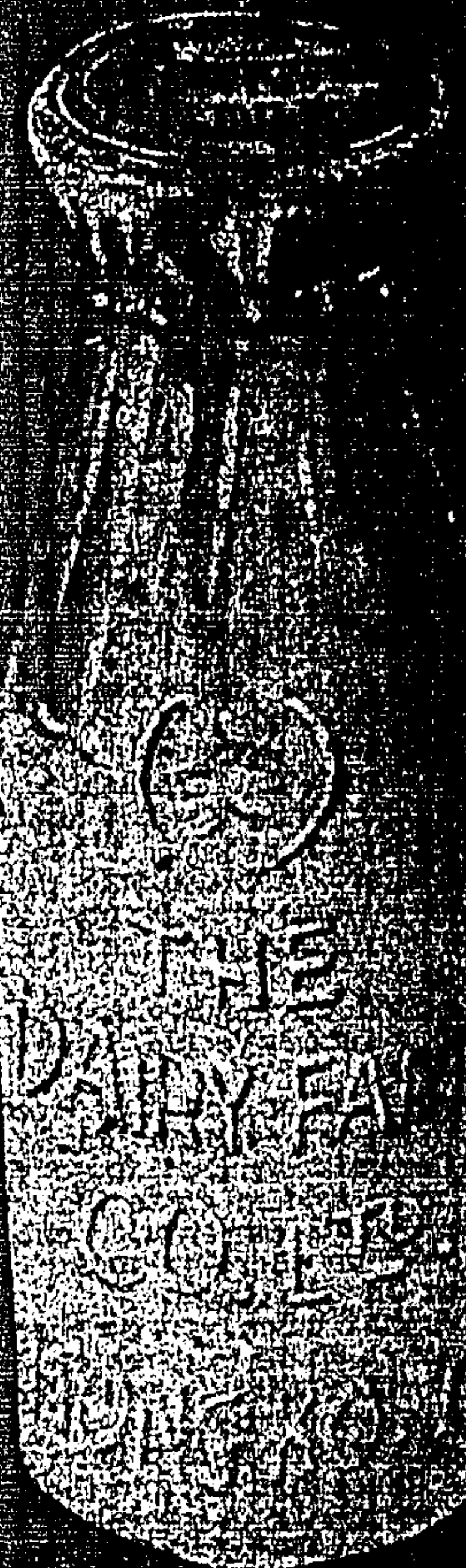
My uncle Carolls used to say that the best thing about Government Service was the prestige it gave you. According to my uncle, he even knew of cases where a Government job made up for lowly birth. My uncle used to say that people had to respect you for they would have to come to your sooner or later.

My uncle Carolls used to say that one of the advantages of being in Government Service was that one could get important pallbearers at one's funeral. According to my uncle, a man must leave the world with the same dignity he had when in it.

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TURKS REJECT AXIS DEMAND, SAYS REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The "Daily Mail" said yesterday that the Turks have rejected an Axis demand for the passage of Italian ships under the Bulgarian flag through the Dardanelles.—International News Service.

of stone and check all this. Then I decide the quantity of dynamite required and I sign a form.
Are you experienced in blasting?—Yes.
How many years' experience?—Over 10 years.
Are any of the other foremen blasting experts?—I don't know, I can speak for myself.
Chairman:—We will find out. You wrote out the order and then where does it go?—To the magazine.
Before or after 5 p.m.?—Any time.
You check on the holes before deciding the quantity of explosives used?—Yes.

Measuring Holes

Are the holes drilled during the day?—Maybe, but I may measure them at night. It is my duty to measure the holes when I come on duty.
If you are on night duty can you measure before 5?—No.
Therefore you measure after 5?—Yes.
Is the magazine open after 5?—Certainly, at all times.
Do you know who is on duty at the magazine?—Two men by turns.
One by day and one by night?—The two are supposed to do 24 hours a day.
They cannot work 24 hours, they must sleep.—They make their own arrangements.
Having got the dynamite what is the procedure of the work of blasting?—I would supervise the blasting.
On each of the five sites?—Certainly.
How did you get from site to site at night?—The foreman on duty before me would inform me where to check the site where blasting was to be done.
There was never blasting in all five sites at a time?—Never.
Never at two places at a time?—Yes, but I could not be in both places.

Soft Rock

Am I correct in saying that almost 80 per cent. of the tunnels in Kowloon are of soft rock and need no blasting like those in Hong Kong?—Before, yes, but now we have got to a depth where we encounter stones and hard rock.
Which tunnel have you got to that depth of rock?—Site No. 2, tunnel 6-5 and tunnels 2-3, and the part we are working on now is all rock.
I don't know where the site is, let's talk about the site near the Barracks.—That's the site I refer to.
A statement was then shown to witness.
Chairman: According to this over \$18,000 of explosive has been used on that tunnel?—Yes.
Chairman (to interpreter): Tell him the Commission has been through that tunnel.
Would I be correct in saying that most of the earth we came up against was soft earth?—No. We are working now on hard rock.
Yes, but most of the rock is very soft.

When?

When did you start to get to hard rock?—I must get the plans.
How long ago?—A month or two ago.
Let us call it two months. The explosives I am referring to were used before two months ago?—No, they could not all be used on this tunnel but maybe on all tunnels.
I am telling you it was for Site No. 2, and before you reached a lot of stone. You only came across hard rock two months ago.
—Yes.
Apart from this vein of rock all the rock was soft, so soft there was a collapse the other day. Do you know that one of
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Looking After All
You are looking after all the tunnels, then?—Yes.
And you count the number of men in each tunnel?—Yes.
Then what do you do?—I make a note of it in my note book and then make my report.
You have got your book with you?—No.
Where is it?—In the workshop.
You keep it in the Hunghom office?—Yes.
Where, in a drawer?—No, in a large case.
Well now, having entered the number of workmen in your book, what do you do?—I enter it into the large book in the office.
Where is this book?—In Hunghom.
Having entered this in the book, what do you do?—I hand the large book to my No. 1.
That is Mr. George Tsang?—Yes.
And he has to rely on your figures?—He counts them over himself.
Oh, he does? When?—He does this in the morning.
And you go in the morning and afternoon?—Yes.
So that he has to rely on your figures for the afternoon?—Yes.

Gambling Allegation

And if you are a dishonest man, I am not suggesting that you are, you can put down a few extra men?—Oh no, after I have counted the men a Kin Lee foreman does it again.
Which man for Kin Lee?—Kwong Cheong.
Now, the Commission visited this Hunghom Workshop last Saturday. It is a small hut with no furniture at all. When we went there, nobody was present and the place was empty. Anybody could have walked in and taken the books away. But we locked up the books, sir.
But anybody could have got in?—Yes.

I am telling you this because a statement has been made to the Commission that these foremen very seldom go to the office. —We do all our work outside. We only go there to make our entries in the book.
And that when you go there at all, you go there to gamble.—No.
Of course that is not true, is it?—It is not true.
A statement has also been made to the effect that you and the other foremen are in the habit of taking a squeeze.—That is not true.

Chinese Supervision

All the work in the Kowloon tunnels is supervised by Chinese

foremen drawing \$2.50 a day?—Mr. Campbell is there too.
Mr. Campbell has told us that he has so much to do both in Hong Kong and Kowloon that he had to rely on you.—He did visit the sites.

The fact remains that the work is done by Kin Lee and supervised by Chinese foremen?—Yes.
You know, of course, that Kin Lee has sub-contracted all the work, such as to Ah Ding?—Yes.
And if you were dishonest you could work in conjunction with them and charge Government too much?—That is so, but I never do such a thing.

At this stage, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, one of the Commissioners, asked witness if work goes on in the tunnels 24 hours a day, witness replying in the affirmative.
You work eight hours a day, don't you?—Yes.

Do you have anything to do with the stores?—No.
You have nothing to do with the issuing of cement, timber, explosives and those things?—I am only concerned with the issuing of explosives.
Whose issues the drilling steel?—They were issued in the day time.

Accuracy Of Stores

But there is somebody in Government who can vouch for the accuracy of these stores for which Government pays?—That is no part of my work so I don't know.
Chairman (to witness): You told the Commission that you issue the explosives?—Yes.

Another statement has been made that the person who issues the explosives demands some of it back so that he can sell it. —There is no such thing as that.

Up to the end of August, Government has been charged \$47,000 for explosives in connection with the Kowloon tunnels?—That does not concern me.

Supervision

But you are the man who issued \$47,000 worth of explosives?—That is so, but then there was a man who was in charge of the blasting.

That is so, but you issued the explosives?—Yes.
Was Mr. Campbell ever present when you issued explosives?—Never.

Was Mr. George Tsang, the foreman, ever present?—Yes sir.
On how many occasions was he there?—I do not remember how many occasions.

But there were occasions when there was nobody to supervise you when you issued the explo-

sives?—I issue explosives only according to what is written down on a piece of paper.

The Procedure

Who brought you that paper?—The foreman who was in charge of blasting.

A Kin Lee man or a P.W.D. man?—A Kin Lee man.

Who is he?—Ho Kwai-shum.

And does he give you a receipt for how much you issued?—I would get a receipt from the foreman and I would initial or sign it and hand it over to the Explosive Stores.

Who is in charge of that store?—A watchman.

What is his name?—I don't know.

So Kin Lee came to you for say 500 sticks of dynamite and you issued that amount from the store?—That is not the procedure.

What is the procedure?—I would receive the paper and if I have some doubts about it I would not issue any dynamite.

And if you have no doubts?—I would then initial or sign that note, the bearer of which would take it away to the store.

Produced For Examination

So the Kin Lee man would take it to the watchman of the store; and if the watchman was dishonest he could issue 1,000 sticks instead of 500?—But the man who received the 500 sticks of dynamite must produce them for examination before it is used.

To whom?—To whoever approved of the issue of dynamite.

Who is the man who authorises the Kin Lee man to take dynamite through you?—The man who was in charge of blasting and drilling gave the order.

Who is he?—Ho Kwai-shum.
Suppose Ho Kwai-shum was dishonest, the watchman dishonest and you dishonest, there was nothing to prevent you from robbing the Government of the dynamite?—But there was a No. 1 to check.

Mr. George Chang?—Yes.

And if he was dishonest?—That could never have been done.

"I Don't Know"

Am I correct in saying that the man in charge of blasting, Ho Kwai-shum, the Kin Lee man, would have at the end of the day an unused surplus of dynamite which had not been used during the day?—All that was issued was used up.

Never since the start of the Kowloon tunnels has Ho Kwai-shum ever had an unused surplus of dynamite?—I don't know.
It is possible that he would have had, is it not?—I don't know.

And there was nothing to prevent him from selling it?—I don't know.

Do you know Mr. Buchanan, the account store keeper?—Yes.

And do you also know Mr. Campbell?—Yes.

Do you know whether either Mr. Buchanan or Mr. Campbell ever checked papers relating to the issue of explosives?—I don't know.

Instructing witness to return at 3 p.m. to-day, the Chairman asked him to produce the pocket-book and the book to which he transferred the items contained in the pocket-book.

Witness: There are five books, one for each of the five sites.

The Chairman: Bring them all.

Kin Lee Foreman

The next witness was Ho Kwai-shum.

The Chairman: You are a foreman employed by Kin Lee?—At first I saw Mr. Campbell. Leave Mr. Campbell out for the moment. He will come in later. You are employed by Kin Lee?—Yes.

From whom did you receive supplies of explosives from time to time?—From the Government foreman.

Lo Hok-pui?—Yes, and two others, Li Lin-shing and Cheng Tong.

Asked to tell the Commission the procedure to get explosives, witness said that first he inspected and examined the boulders requiring blasting and would estimate how much dynamite would be required. The Government foreman on duty would afterwards check the estimate.

How do you get the explosives for the night?—The foreman of the sub-contractor writes what he wants on a paper and gives it to me. Then with another foreman of Kin Lee he comes to see me. I examine the place, the depths and examine the quality

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The Chairman: You sign the paper which is seen and checked

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ATTENTION DIVERTED TO THE CRIMEA

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WITH THE FALL OF KIEV AND THE CHECKING OF THE GERMAN ADVANCE ON THE NORTHERN FRONTS ATTENTION HAS SWITCHED TO THE CRIMEA WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE LONDON "DAILY HERALD" YESTERDAY, THE GERMANS INTEND TO MAKE "A SECOND CRETE."

The Crimea, according to reports, is already cut off and now the Germans are assembling hundreds of transport planes and picked parachutist regiments west of the Black Sea in preparation for a major aerial landing.

Stubborn fighting, meanwhile, continues along the whole front, with Moscow claiming that Marshal Timoshenko is "investing Smolensk" after 120,000 Nazi troops were "eliminated" in the central sector.

Furious Russian counter-attacks are being carried out in the Leningrad and Odessa areas aided by heavy artillery, and the Germans have been driven back in both sectors.

The Germans were driven back "several miles" near Odessa, says the official Tass news agency.

Moscow radio declared that Rumania has lost half its entire army from the start of the war. Berlin claims that "at least 200,000" Russian troops were killed in the 10-day battle east of Kiev out of 750,000 men thrown into the conflict.

"Fifty Russian divisions were annihilated," say the Nazis, "inflicting an irreparable and mortal wound in the Red Army's most vulnerable spot."

The Germans also claim "further progress" in the Odessa and Leningrad sectors.

Ukraine Claim

German officials claim that the Russian commanders "forsook the magnitude of the disaster last week and strove to shatter the iron ring by fierce counter-attacks on the southern front, where whole columns were mowed down in an attempt to hold back our advance."

Berlin says the Nazi High Command has thrown two fresh divisions into the battle in the Ukraine, "with Spanish and Italian troops" participating. — International News Service.

Brooke Family Century

A hundred years of rule by the Brooke family as White Rajahs of the independent but British-protected State of Sarawak, on the strategically important oil-producing island of Borneo, was celebrated at Kuching yesterday with full ceremony.

The day was ushered in by a salute of 100 guns from a British destroyer and, shortly after the Rajah, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, proceeded to the Administration through guards of honour of British and Sarawak troops to bestow on his subjects a constitution in the presence of representatives of King George, the Governor of Singapore, the British fighting Services and the Malay and Mohammedan communities.

The new constitution provides for a gradual abolition of the absolute rule which the Brookes have exercised since the first Rajah, Sir James Brooke, was sworn in on September 24, 1841, after finding himself fortuitously on the island on an exploration trip and subsequently helping to quell a native rebellion.

The present Rajah Brooke celebrates his 67th birthday on Friday. — Reuter.

SWEDEN SIGNS UP WITH REICH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Stockholm newspaper "Tidningen" reports the signing of a Swedish-German trade agreement to increase the Swedish export of wood to the Reich. — International News Service.

P.W.D. FOREMEN QUESTIONED

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the tunnels collapsed? — Yes.

Do you know that that tunnel did not need blasting? — Yes, but a part needed it.

How did you get from site to site at night? — I would visit one site and any other that required immediate attention.

What do you mean? — When blasting was needed and when danger threatened.

How would you know? — The man who left duty before me would tell me.

You did go from site to site? — Yes.

If the previous foreman left no instructions you would not go? — No, even then it was my duty to do so.

Attendance Book

It was your duty but you did not do so? — Who said so? I have to sign an attendance book.

Did you sign every night? — Certainly, this work is dangerous. Did you go to every site when on night duty? — Yes.

Paid a visit to each of the five sites? — Yes.

And entered your name at the time of every visit at night? — I go and visit the tunnels, then I go back to the office and sign after each visit.

The attendance book is kept at Hunghom. How would you start? — I would start for No. 5 at Hunghom.

Visit that? — Yes.

How long would you spend there? — About 40 minutes.

Go to the office and sign the book? — Yes.

Then go to Site No. 4? — Yes, Site Nos. 3 and 4 are adjacent.

Visit Site No. 4 and go back to sign the book? — Yes.

Then you would go back to No. 3? — Yes.

It would take another 40 minutes? — Yes.

Witness then explained that he would, after signing the book, as having visited No. 3, also sign the book that he was going to visit No. 2.

Chairman: So you signed as having visited No. 2 before you actually did? — Yes, I signed to show where I would be.

Having gone there how long did you spend there? — About 40 minutes.

Bus Or Walk?

How do you get from the office to No. 2? — Do you walk? — Sometimes by bus, when there is one, otherwise I walk.

How long does it take you to walk? — About 20 to 25 minutes.

After No. 2 you go to No. 1? — Yes.

Stay there another 40 minutes? — No, I would stay there about a quarter of an hour. The tunnel is nearly completed.

You would go back to the office then? — Yes.

If there was no bus you would walk? — Yes.

Who was in the office to see you

sign the book? — There was a watchman.

Kin Lee's or the Government's? — Kin Lee's.

He was the only man there? — Yes.

Is the book still in the office? — Yes.

Bring it at 3 p.m. this afternoon. So we have this position. You, at \$2.50 a day, are supposed to supervise five sites, two of which are far away and only visited once a night? — I was accompanied by a man from Kin Lee and visited the sites at least once.

I'm going to suggest to you that you very seldom visited those sites at night. — No.

Gambling Allegation

That you and the other Government foremen spent the night gambling with the foreman of Kin Lee? — No, I don't know about the others, I speak for myself.

Were you the only man on night duty before? — Yes. Several months ago Lo Hok-pui and I were on regular night duty.

One one night and the other the other? — No, we made our own arrangements. We took turns, so that if I went from 4 p.m. to 12 he would go from 12 to 8 a.m.

Who would take the day shift? — There was another foreman from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. His name is Tsang.

George Tsang? — Yes.

He never went on night duty? — When we first came to work he was on night duty but not now.

He has become a big man, he does not do night work? — Yes.

Did Chen Tong do night work? — Chen Tong was employed only recently. Before that there were only two of us, and the work is now divided up.

George Tsang is the number one. He had to rely on the three of you as to night work? — Yes.

He goes by your reports on the number of workmen engaged? — Yes.

No Surplus

When the morning shift came did those who took over find any unused explosive? — Never.

No surplus? — No, because we issued as we required.

By good mathematical calculations you did not even have an ounce over? — If we were short we would stay without it for that time.

I suggest that why the morning shift never found any was that by the time they came the fishermen had got hold of it? — The blasting was seen by us.

The suggestion is not true? — Certainly not true.

Kin Lee Foreman

Cheng Chung, foreman employed by Kin Lee, was the next witness. In answer to the chairman as to whether his duties included the making up of the morning reports for work done, he said that was so.

Chairman: From whom do you get this information? — From Writ-

ten documents left behind by Government servants.

Left behind where? — In the Hunghom office.

By the Government foremen? — Yes.

And these represent the work done during the night? — Yes. Both day and night.

The information you got from the night shifts, from 8 to 12, and 12 to 8 was information you got from the Government servants on those night shifts? — Correct.

And in that information they would tell you of the advance made during the night? — That is put down in writing.

Merely Sign

And you copy that in your report? — I don't have to write out anything. I merely sign the statements made out by the foremen.

Well anyway, when you come in the morning, they are ready? — Yes.

And they are addressed to Mr. J. G. Campbell? — Yes.

Can you read English? — Yes.

Well read this (producing statement) — May I wear my glasses sir?

Yes, wear your glasses.

Witness then read the statement produced after which the chairman continued with his questioning.

Well, having read these statements, you sign in the bottom of the sheet? — Yes.

And do you check these statements? — Sometimes. When I am busy, I don't check the work done.

I am not talking about the times when you checked the work done, I am talking of the times when you were too busy, and when you signed documents you knew nothing about. — I believe them to be correct before signing them.

You then send it to Mr. Campbell? — I leave it in the office.

Never Saw Them Again

And what happens? — Some one from Kin Lee would send it to the P.W.D.

To Mr. Campbell? — No, to the Water-Works Department in Kowloon.

To Mr. F. T. Tseng? — No.

Who would be the man to whom they would send this to? — It is addressed to nobody.

And you never saw this again? — No.

And it was on these reports that Government paid Kin Lee for work done? — I don't know.

In a report dated June 8, 1941, on site No. 5, I see 642 gellignite sticks and 148 detonators were used? — Yes.

What means had you of checking these before signing the document? — I check that up from the book.

What book? — The book which the foreman kept.

You did not make enquiries from the dynamite store to see if that amount had been issued? — No.

Or whether more than that had been issued? — No.

Took Word

So the position is this. You took the word of the Government foremen as to the amount of explosive used? — Yes, but there were the orders.

You never saw the orders? — Sometimes I did.

And sometimes you didn't? — That is so.

Yet this amount of explosive used was certified by you as correct, sent in to Government, and Government paid on that? — What procedure was adopted after I had signed the paper, I do not know.

What pay do you get a month? — I get \$4 a day.

And you say sometimes you are too busy to check the work done? — Yes.

Kept Busy

What are you too busy doing? — Checking the work done on the five sites.

But that is in connection with signing the reports? — Yes.

Then what is this other work that keeps you too busy? — I examine several kinds of work. I examine all the tunnels.

Yes? — To see whether the workmen were doing their work properly. Sometimes when I am too busy engaged on my work, I cannot check before signing the morning reports.

But you are paid \$4 a day by Kin Lee to check the work before signing those reports? — Yes.

Then why did you not check the work every morning before signing? — I say this. Sometimes Mr. Bailey, a Government supervisor, would go round the sites, so in those instances I would have no time to check before signing in time to send the reports to the P.W.D.

What did Mr. Bailey do? — He went round with me to check the tunnels.

Did you not tell Mr. Bailey your first duty was to check the work done? — No.

Why not? If you had done so, he would not have taken you round. — That did not occur to me, sir.

And is this how you are still signing the morning reports? — Yes.

"Better Stop"

Well, you can take this from me. You had better stop that you see? — Yes, sir.

And not only check the work done, but also check the amount of explosive issued? — Yes.

And don't ever again put your signature to a document the contents of which you are not in a position to say are correct? — Yes, sir.

The Commission then rose for the tiffin adjournment. Hearing will be resumed at 3 p.m.

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SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

A SLAM POINTER By The Four Aces

Each year at this time, the summer bridge championships are held at Asbury Park, N. J. For a whole week, some of the finest bridge in the world is on display to those who care to see it. Today's hand, taken from last year's tournament, is typical of what can be seen there.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 4
♥ A 10 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A Q 9 2

WEST

♠ K Q 10 8 5
♥ 9 5
♦ K 6 2
♣ 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ K J 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. South hadn't paid much attention to West's spade overcall during the bidding, for North's jump raise made it appear that West had just put in a "nuisance" bid. But now it looked as though North had made a slight (ever-so-slight) stretch, and that West had the King of diamonds as part of the value for his defensive bid.

The average player, we feel sure, would not consider that point. He would draw trumps and rush to discard the losing spade on dummy's extra club. Then he would finesse the Queen of diamonds, and would feel very much aggrieved when that line of play caused him to lose two diamond tricks.

But in a championship tournament, better lines of play are found. In this case, South drew trumps and discarded a low diamond on dummy's extra club. Then he led the Jack of spades from the dummy, putting West into the lead. If West returned a diamond, South would get a "free" finesse. And if West could return anything else, dummy could ruff while South discarded the Queen of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Maier	Jacoby
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner's bidding indicates that he has only about enough to fight for a part score. Your hand is a minimum and you should not try again for game.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 60% for three no-trump, 30% for three hearts.

Question No. 329

To-day you are Mervin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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LITTLE OLD WOMAN—AGED 13

Clasping her hands in front of her, 13-year-old Betty stood in Swansea Juvenile Court and listened to the justices discuss a future in which she is to have a new home and "parents" who will give her love and happiness.

She was charged with stealing a £1 note from a neighbour's home.

Betty had told a big policeman, "For two months I have been keeping house for my father, brother and two sisters. One of them is paralysed."

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"I get up at 5.30 every morning to get my father food."

"He gives me half a crown now and again during the week to get food for the family and complains when he cannot get the food and tobacco he needs."

"I cannot get much food for half a crown, but I make a list to show him how the money is spent."

Betty, who was described by the justices' clerk as a "little old woman of 13," said her father threw her out into the road one night and she was given a bed by neighbours.

Betty was accompanied in court by two women neighbours, who kissed her when the justices adjourned the case for a week and arranged for her to go to a shelter for girls.

REST CURE FOR TIRED AIRMEN

A contented group of airmen sprawl on the deck of a luxurious house-boat, watching a felucca, with its graceful towering sail, glide serenely past them on the placid Nile. Only two or three days ago they were with their squadrons among the choking dust and sandstorms of the desert. To-day they are unbelievably at peace, beside the green fields and still waters.

The houseboat is part of the magnificent effort which the Gezira Club in Cairo is making on behalf of British soldiers and airmen. Moored alongside Gezira Island, it has accommodation for 30 airmen and 30 soldiers in its handsome cabins. The occupants are put up for seven days, free of charge; after a spell of Libyan warfare, the change is heavenly to tired men.

Although the boat is called the "Puritan" there is a bar aboard; as well as baths, reading rooms and practically every other amenity which Libya hasn't got.

The Club runs a pension in Cairo on the same lines. It has, in addition, set aside one of its polo grounds for hockey, football and cricket pitches for the troops.

HOW 'AMY' MET DEATH

Miss Pauline Gower, commanding officer of the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary, told a literary luncheon how Amy Johnson met her death.

"It fell to my lot to check up on her flight," said Miss Gower. "We have absolutely no doubt how she died."

"She was flying in icy conditions above clouds so heavy that she could not find a break to enable her to come down. She was running out of petrol, and must have decided to come down through the clouds. It was just bad luck that she happened to be over the water. She baled out, and had she been above land, would have been here to-day."

"In baling out of the type of aircraft she was flying it was often necessary to jettison the door, which, as it came down, might have caused the rumour that there was a passenger in the aircraft."

GERMAN TERROR METHODS

Evidence is reaching London of the brutality of German methods of "occupation" in different parts of Europe.

The German news agency states that 50 Croats have been shot in Zagreb as "intellectual perpetrators" of an explosion in a telephone exchange in which several German soldiers were injured.

From Belgium comes news that 25 Belgians held as hostages at Tournai for the killing of two German policemen on September 17 will be executed if the perpetrators are not discovered within 10 days. The Germans announce that in future five hostages will be shot for every act of violence against German soldiers and all Belgians now in prison will be treated as such hostages.

German military headquarters in Lille announce the execution of three Frenchmen while four fresh death sentences have been passed in Paris.

The German so-called new order thus has all the marks of the old ruthlessness which the Nazi mentality imagines as the only possible treatment of nations writhing under alien domination and its failure is admitted by this resort to the time-honoured method of brutality which is likely to make oppressed populations more determined to bring eventual retribution on the Nazis. — British Wireless.

WINTER CAMPAIGN

DESCRIBING GERMANY'S PREPARATIONS FOR A WINTER CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA, THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY STRESSED THEIR EFFECT ON THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR CIVILIAN USE.

The correspondent stated that shops selling furs, boots, clothing, overcoats, woollen goods and body and bed linen lack materials containing natural products.

Leather goods have been practically unobtainable for a year. — Reuter.

560 TANKS NEED 44 SHIPS

A convoy of 44 ships is needed to transport 560 of the powerful new Chrysler 32-ton tanks, the columnists Pearson and Allen reveal.

Chrysler's will soon be producing 450 of these giants each month.

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Children's Summer-Time Need.

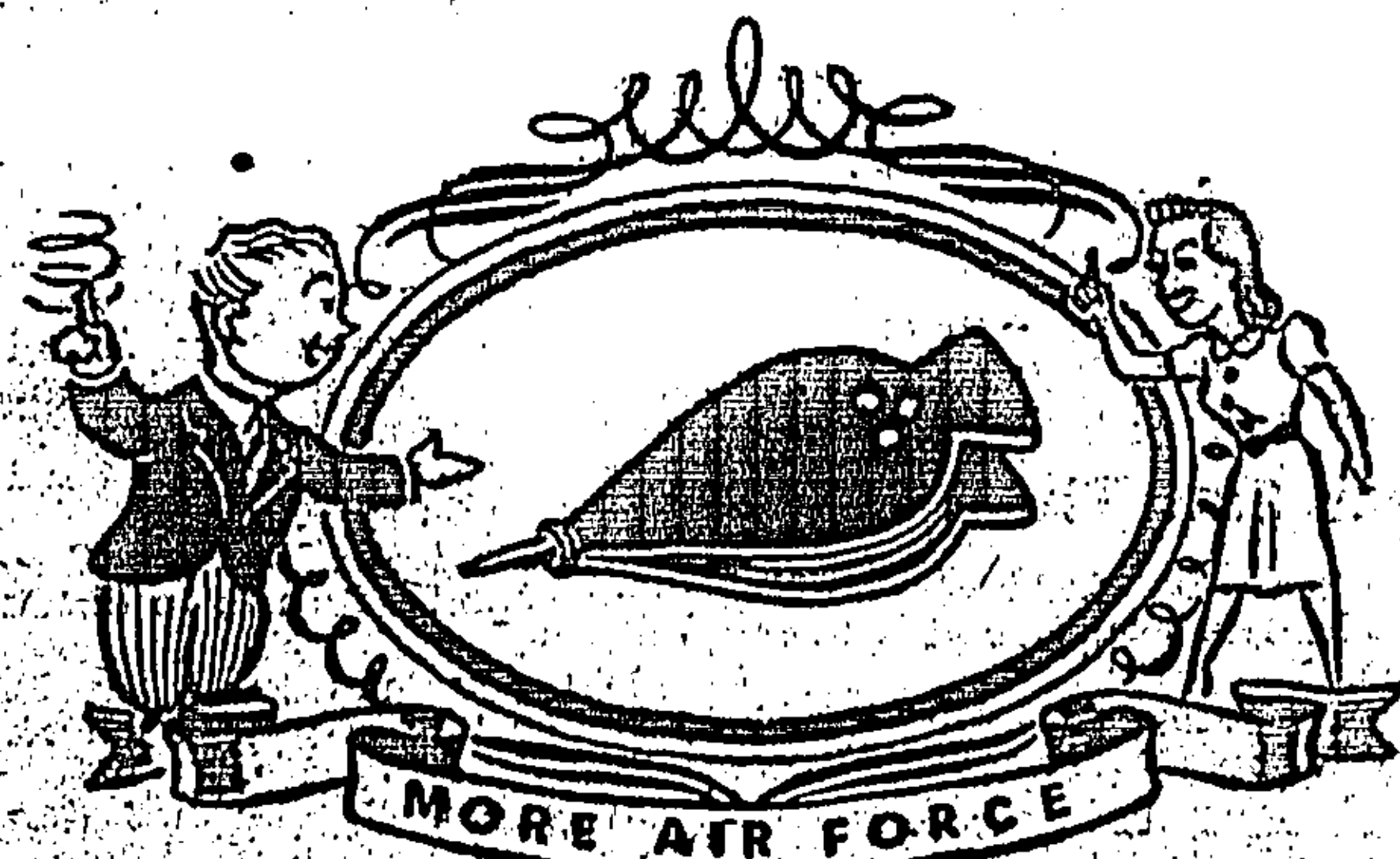
At this time of year children may easily fall sick, for on hot, dusty days fruit, ice cream, salads and cold drinks are temptations hard to resist; but unless careful supervision is exercised such delicacies may cause diarrhoea, colic, worms, and other upsets.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

New Autumn Coiffures

As the winter of 1941 is to be a very active one for most women, the hair stylists have taken the queue and have decreed shorter, more casual and more easily managed hair-dos. The pompadour is now giving way to styles which are combed simply back from the face and set in deep waves and swirls.

Hats too, have become more sensible—in fact the first showings of the season indicate that again a hat will cover the head and not perch on it's crown. Heavier materials are going into these new creations which means added warmth and longer wearing qualities. Perhaps too, the several service uniforms which are for active women, have influenced hair styles, as a long shoulder bob and fancy pompadour do not harmonise with the trim uniform of a defence worker.

Good Opportunity For All

It cannot be denied that constant permanent waving, settings with lotions, under hot driers, gradually rob the hair of its vitality. The roots of the hair may be as healthy as ever, but the length of the hair show the strain of all the primping we do. Right now is a good time to let your hair grow strong again.

If you get it cut short, feather-cut fashion, you can get along without a new permanent. What is left of your old permanent is sufficient curl and what a joy to run the comb through your hair, push a wave into place and go about your daily tasks.

You may ask, but what about gala evenings? Are we going to wear these casual hair-dos then? No, we are not. We are going to invest in an artificial braid to match our own tresses, or in a cluster or two of curls, which may be pinned on in the most glamorous fashion for evening wear.

And we are not going to try to



The newer coiffure suggests a practical casualness. Note the shorter length and greater simplicity.

conceal the fact that this wad of hair is not our very own. A braid for instance will encircle the crown of the head above all the short feather-end ringlets. Or our own hair will be brushed sleekly back from the face—a la South American—and a cluster of false curls will be pinned in back

of each ear! The boy friends will again have the opportunity to sing the old refrain "Katie combed her hair and hung it on the back of a chair!"

Those of my readers who have long hair will, naturally hang on to it. This is their day. If it is of sufficient length to comb in long braids and wind around the head, so much the better. With the new hat designs there will be no problem for the draped, full crowns.

Yes, it is interesting to see how woman's fashions echo the war. It looks as if each of us is expected to do a big bit during the next season!

Don't Shut Your Eyes To It

These exercises are specially planned for the "inclined-to-be-plump" girl.

If you are rather on the big side, and think your measurements are increasing, now is the time to take yourself in hand, and make up your mind that you are not going to develop an O.S. figure.

Many girls between twenty-five and thirty are plumper than they like to be. Just at this age, the figure—if left to itself—has a tendency to thicken, particularly at the waist line and hips. But this can be checked.

Prevention in this case is better and far easier than cure.

EXERCISE 1:—Stand with feet apart. Keeping knees straight, drop loosely forward and making little bouncing movements in the hip joints, tap the ground twice as far as possible in front of your feet (1-2), tap ground as far back as possible between your legs (3-4), stretch up, swinging arms forward, upward, and sideways down (5-6); bounce your fingertips lightly against the sides of your thighs (7-8).

Repeat three times, keeping the movements rhythmic.

EXERCISE 2:—Stand with left side towards and left hand resting on a chair back.

Swing right leg as high as you can backwards and forwards six times, counting 1-12, one count for

each swing forward or backward. Bring feet together and rise on tiptoes (13); lower heels (14); repeat (15-16). Turn round and repeat the swinging with the other leg.



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You no longer are of the younger generation. If a day on the beach does nothing for you, but burn you up.

They're Always Hungry

small boys particularly. They chase about from the time they open their eyes and use up a tremendous amount of energy.

What to give them—and their sisters—to satisfy them is a constant worry.

If you give children bread-and-milk for breakfast they may say: "Why are you giving us our supper at breakfast time?" because bedtime is usually associated with this simple fare. Try serving the familiar bread-and-milk in this new way.

Wheatmeal Castle

Pack a teacup with sliced pieces of wheatmeal bread.

Pour into the cup just as much boiling water as the bread will absorb and cover the cup with the saucer for about two minutes.

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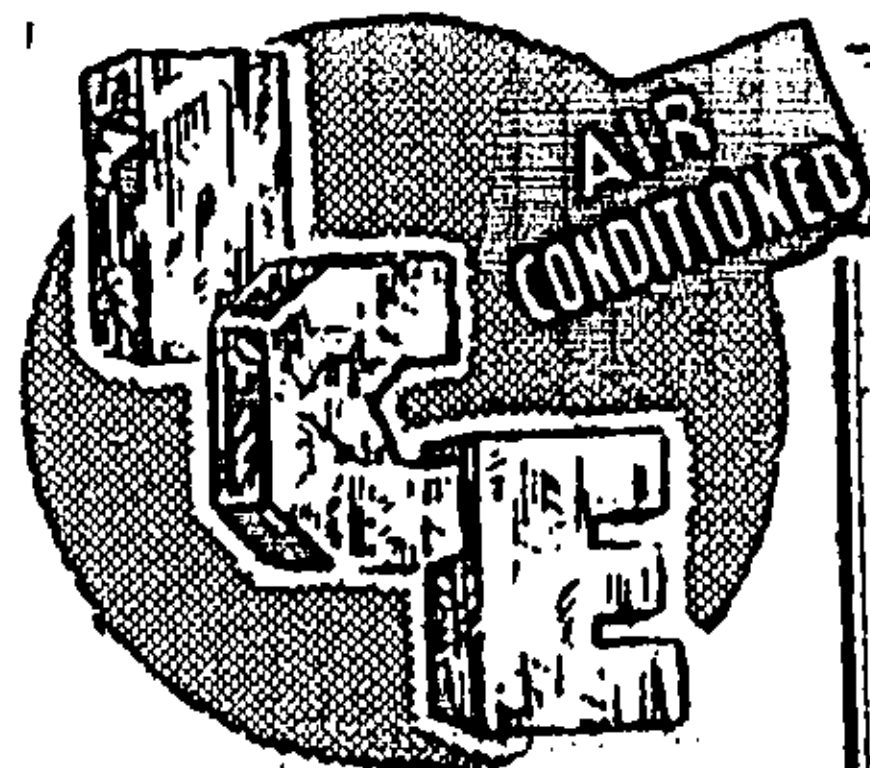
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RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci". Characters & Soloists in order of appearance: Tonio, a clown... Mario Basola (Baritone); Camilo, Leader of village comedy troupe... Gigli (Tenor); Beppe, Mariolina's wife (Tenor); Nedda, Camilo's wife (Soprano); Iva, Pasetti's (Soprano); Silvio, a villager in love with Nedda... Pael (Baritone); with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—C. Bridge-Taylor—Three Dream Danes. The London Palladium Orchestra, conducted by Clifford Greenwood.
8.40 p.m.—Studio—"English Humour" No. 3: The Ingoldsby Legends. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Vocal—Moon For Sale (Trevor, Henderson & Rosen); Thanks A Million (from film)... Robert Ashley with Orchestra.
Orchestral—Hypnotised—Slow Fox-Trot: Three Minutes of Heaven—Waltz... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Vocal—The Night Is Young (from the film)... Evelyn Laye with Orch.
Humorous Monologue—Many Happy Returns (de Bear)... Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Piano—If I Didn't Care (Lawrence); My Prayer (Kennedy-Boulanger)... "Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).
Humorous Monologue—Sam's Medal (Hogan-Constanduros)... Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Vocal Duet—Wanting You (from film "The New Moon")... Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth with Orchestra.
Orchestral—El Payaso Del Corazon Partido (Broken-hearted Clown); Le Tue Carezze (Don't Play With Fire—Tango)... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George Scott Wood.
Lull's Back In Town (from film "Broadway Gondolier")... In A Little Gipsy Tea Room (Leslie & Burke).
"The Big Broadcast of 1936"—Selection (Noble, Robin).
"Top Hat"—Selection (Berlin).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Violin Solos.
Sonata in A Major—Prelude a Capriccio, Presto agitato, Adagio, Giga (Vivaldi, arr. David)... Natan Milstein.
Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin); La Campanella (Rondo from "Concerto No. 2 in B Minor"—Paganini, Op. 7)... Natan Milstein with Piano.
10.29 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in C Minor.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto... Edwin Fischer (Piano) & The London Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today". Discussion with Gerald Barry.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was distinctly cheerful under the leadership of gilt-edged securities where gains up to 3/8 were recorded. Especially good features also were home rails, where Great Western were two higher at 41 1/4, and Courtaulds were 1/8 up at 32/8 on expectations of an early Government statement on viscose valuation. Elsewhere tobaccos were prominently firm. Shells and Mexican Eagles among oils were firm. Japanese bonds rallied slightly. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

A tribute to India's contribution to the war effort was paid by Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in the course of a speech at Aberdeen yesterday.

After referring to the great part played by the Indian forces in Eritrea, Abyssinia and Iraq, and in clearing Syria to open a way through Persia to help Russia, Mr. Amery said:

"Our duty to help Russia was obvious. No less obvious were some of the physical difficulties of time and space which stood in the way.

"One of the immediate tasks before us was to improve communications through Persia so as to enable a really effective flow of munitions to reach the hard-pressed Russian army, and no less urgent and obvious of our people at home was to see that these munitions came forward as rapidly as these communications could be improved.

India's Cooperation

"This was the task which fell largely upon this country but not alone. There too India was playing a great part. She combined with the other Dominions at the Delhi Conference to work out a scheme of cooperation by which all these countries pooled their resources in order to bring about the largest and most rapid munitions production possible.

"That work is now proceeding and is destined in an ever-increasing measure to play its part towards final victory." — Reuter.

POLICE TITLES TO BE CHANGED

Three police titles are to be changed by resolution to be introduced in Legislative Council tomorrow. The D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes Director, Special Branch, and the A.D.C.I. (Special Branch) becomes A.D.S.B. The Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Crime) becomes Director of Criminal Investigation. Council will also take the second and third readings of five Bills, including the betting duty amendment ordinance, the Bill giving the police the status of militia in time of war, and the amending Bill affecting the H.K. Corps of Air Raid Wardens.

NOVELTY AT THE BALL

Yet another novelty has to be added to the list of attractions at the forthcoming Tin Hat Ball.

The scheme itself will not be divulged until the night of the event, but it can be stated that it entails the provision of prizes to the value of over one thousand dollars.

It will be remembered that there were a number of unclaimed prizes left over from the Monster Raffle, and these include, such items as an R.C.A. radio set, silver silver, jade necklace, silver pagoda, two open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, wines and spirits etc.

The Hong Kong War Effort Committee has evolved a clever scheme whereby these will be disposed of in aid of the Bomber Fund, the attractive part of the scheme being that every participant will secure a prize, but individual contributions will be limited to five dollars.

CAINE ROAD FATALITY

A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN CAINE ROAD SHORTLY BEFORE 8.30 A.M. THIS MORNING WHEN A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL, ON HER WAY TO SCHOOL, WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY A BUS, THE LEFT REAR WHEEL OF THE VEHICLE PASSING OVER HER HEAD.

The bus, No. 622, was proceeding from west to east when at the junction of Old Bailey, the girl darted across the road in front of the vehicle. The driver Wong Hing-kiu, applied the brakes but was unable to pull up in time.

GREEK MINISTER'S APPOINTMENT

THE GREEK MINISTER IN LONDON, M. SIMOPOULOS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

He will retain his duties as Greek Minister.

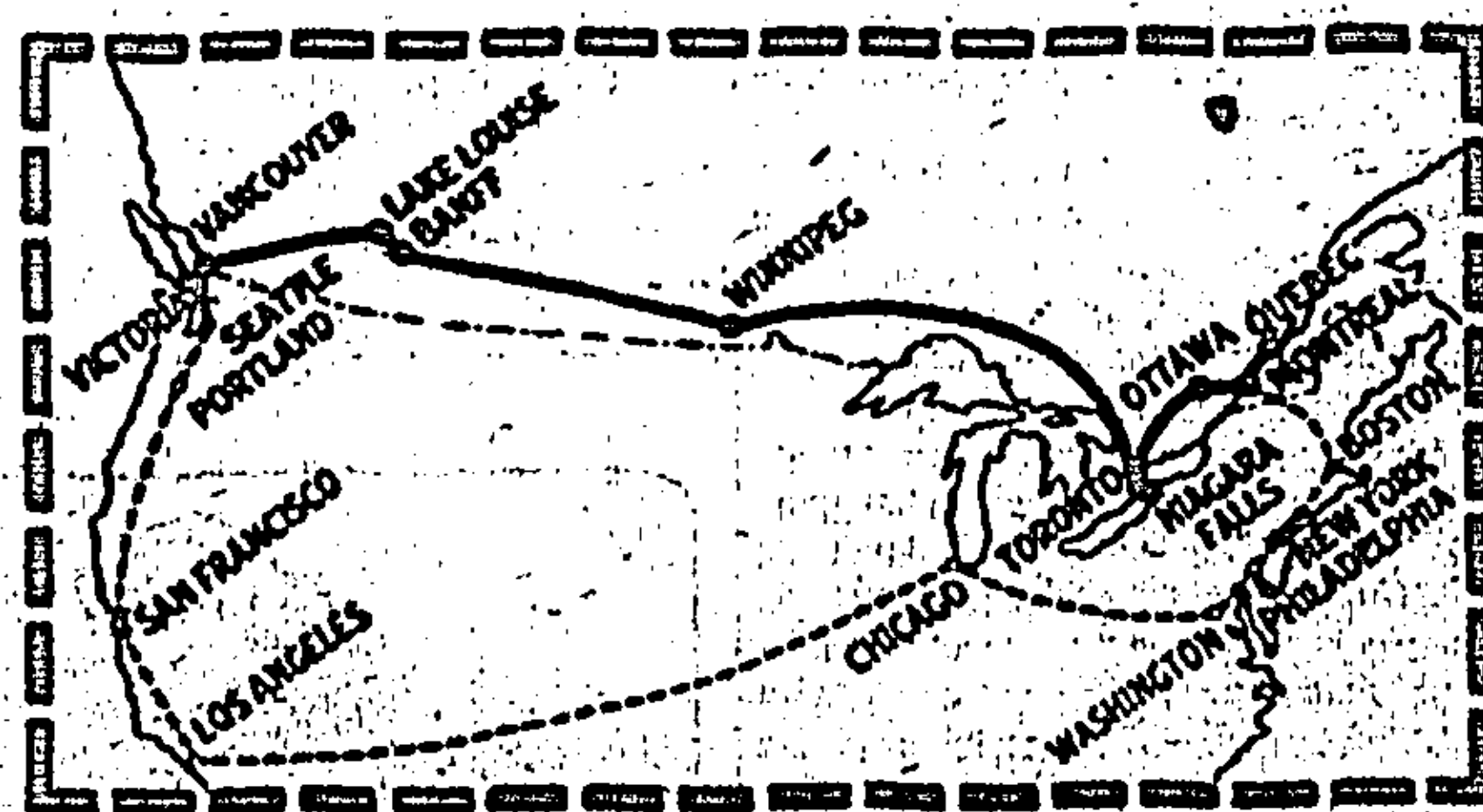
M. Andrew Michalopoulos, President of the Anglo-Hellenic League in Athens, has been appointed Under-Secretary for the Press in the Government.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL LUNCHES AT PALACE

Mr. Churchill, who was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, remained to lunch. The King also received Lord Halifax. British Ambassador to the United States. — Reuter.

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AH Q BEAT SOCCER CHAMPIONS TO WIN MINIATURE COMPETITION

A crowd of nearly 2,000 saw Ah Q football team beat South China in the final of the China Emporium Miniature Football Shield Competition at Caroline Hill yesterday by the odd goal in three, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Ah Q won because they took full advantage of the few opportunities which came their way, while South China forwards were below form in their shooting, and they were, in addition, too slow for the Ah Q defenders.

Ng Ping-ching played a brilliant game for the winners in goal, bringing off a number of good saves, while Chee Po-wan and Chung Ping-yuen were sound backs. Yee Hap-hing, in the pivotal position, had Lee Shek-yau so well marked that this speedy player could do nothing of note. Hau Ching-to, on the left wing, was not up to form, but Hsu King-seng kept South China defence fully occupied.

Tam Off Form

For South China, Tam Kwan-kon did not produce his form of the previous day. He was badly at fault in not leaving his goal earlier when the first goal was scored.

Tse Kam-hung and Chau Man-chi were the best of the losers, both displaying excellent ball control.

CLUB TEAM TO MEET KOWLOON

Club's team for their opening Football League game against Kowloon next Saturday on the K.F.C. ground at 5.30 p.m. is as follows:

S. Fowler; Upton and Fallace; Skinner, Forrow and Odell; Hopkinson, Bond, F. Fowler, E. Strange and Bickford.

The second eleven to meet K.F.C. on the mainland is as follows:

Suter, Grattan and Millington; Eger, Gilchrist and Beattie; Gardner, Roscoe, Wilson, Gow and Attwell.

Reserves: Haynes and Macfarlane.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many leading batters start the major league season with heavy bats, but gradually reduce the weight as the hot weather arrives.

Hong Kong Softball Association are holding their Fourth Annual General Meeting on Monday, September 29, at 5.45 p.m. at Filipino Club, King's Park, when the report and accounts for the past year will be presented and officers elected for the ensuing year. The programme for the approaching season will also be discussed at this meeting.

Swimming Notes Are On Page Thirteen



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TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

The postponed Hong Kong Area swimming sports will be held this evening at Army Pool, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

TARLETON'S DECISION

Nel Tarleton, the British and Empire featherweight boxing champion, may not defend his title until after the war.

Tarleton, who has defended his title twice since the war, thinks his R.A.F. duties would prevent him having the opportunity to train as he would wish for a championship match.

Jackie Rankin, Southern area champion, has challenged Nel

SECOND ROUND DRAW IN COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Draw for the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship was made last evening, and as a result the holder, M. N. Rakusen, will meet N. A. E. Mackay at Kowloon Football Club on Monday, September 29, while last year's runner-up, M. R. Abbas, will meet A. E. Carey at Civil Service C.C. on Wednesday, October 1.

M. E. Purvis was drawn against A. Shepherd, but as the latter has left the Colony Purvis was awarded a "walk-over" and thus automatically qualified for the Third Round.

Tarleton, featherweight champion, to a title fight.

Results of the draw were as follows:

Monday, September 29

At C.S.C.C.	
J. Shepherd	v A. H. Rumbach
J. H. Gelling	v B. W. Bradbury
At Police R.C.	
W. L. Walker	v D. A. Rozario
At Hong Kong F.C.	
W. K. Way	v E. Zimmerman
J. C. Allen	v W. Ward
At Kowloon C.C.	
J. Noronha	v J. McElvie
H. White	v C. M. da Silva
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
Y. Abbas	v U. M. Omar
S. M. Rumbach	v C. Dowman
At Kowloon F.C.	
R. Basa	v A. J. Hall
M. N. Rakusen	v N. A. E. Mackay
At Recreation	
H. Nish	v A. R. Dallas
J. Hempsey	v A. Lapsley

Tuesday, September 30

At C.S.C.C.	
J. Hayward	v T. A. Madar
C. H. Gough	v F. Nolan
At Hong Kong F.C.	
J. C. Gill	v A. J. Jilott
At Kowloon F.C.	
E. A. Atkins	v T. R. Hunter
L. A. Jordan	v H. Overy
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
R. S. Meadows	v E. G. Post
At Recreation	
A. E. P. Guest	v T. Coleman
J. G. Meyer	v R. Leigh

Wednesday, October 1

At C.S.C.C.	
A. Brooksbank	v A. M. Omar
A. E. Carey	v M. R. Abbas
At Hong Kong F.C.	
A. M. Holland	v W. T. Burling
A. W. Hircok	v B. Basto
At Police R.C.	
H. F. Harper	v W. Hong Sling
W. J. Howard	v H. E. Strange
At Kowloon F.C.	
W. Mair	v M. Ferguson
D. M. Khan	v E. de Souza
At Kowloon B.G.C.	
R. F. da Luz	v F. X. M. Silva
C. G. Silva	v W. C. Higgs

PAIRS EVENTS

The Semi-Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship will be played at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday, September 28, commencing at 4 p.m. sharp, as follows:

K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina v H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro or W. L. Walker and R. Duncan.
L. J. Silva and J. S. V. Ribeiro v A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar.
In the event of rain the matches will be played on the following Sunday.

FIRST ROUND GAMES COMPLETED

The last two matches in the First Round of Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship were decided last evening at Kowloon Bowling Green Club when R. S. Meadows beat F. Channing 2-1, and H. White beat J. E. Henson 2-1.

The Meadows-Channing match was very evenly contested, the scores at the 20th end being 16-11, after which Meadows scored 2-1, conceded a 2, and then scored the 1 required to give him the match. Meadows scored at 14 ends and scores were:—
R. S. Meadows: 0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-2-0-0-2-1-0-1-1-21
F. Channing: 1-0-0-2-0-2-0-1-0-0-0-2-2-0-1-2-1-0-0-0-2-0-18

White Through

White took 23 ends to beat Henson, looking at 13 of these to total 21 which gave him a win by 7 shots. Henson opened the scoring with a single, but thereafter White scored 3-2-2-0-3 to lead 10-2 at the 6th. Later a run of 4-0-1-0-1-1 for Henson saw him only two in arrears with the scores at 10-14. Then White finished up with 1-1-2-1 for game, the scores being:—
H. White: 0-2-2-0-3-0-1-1-0-0-2-0-1-0-1-0-1-2-1-21
J. E. Henson: 1-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-18

SINGAPORE TURF CLUB'S GOLD CUP WON BY GRAND PRIX

One of the less fancied horses, Grand Prix won the Gold Cup race in a thrilling finish at Bukit Timah on the final day of the Singapore Turf Club's Autumn (Gold Cup) meeting.

Grand Prix, which is owned by "Mr. Eddie" and trained by van Breukelen, was ridden by Farthing, who has ridden two previous Singapore Cup winners, Cooltup and Cockpen, in 1939 and 1936 respectively. Grand Prix's victory completed a treble for the meeting and was its fourth consecutive success.

Except for about two furlongs in the back straight when it was headed by Scottish Rifle, Grand Prix led all the way to hold off by a neck a strong challenge in the last furlong by Ranscombe. Pro Patria, the favourite with 1482 tickets, finished third, while Mystic Music, last year's winner

NAVY WIN BY A PENALTY

In a fairly evenly contested game, with the score sheet at half-time blank, Navy beat R.A.S.C. by 2 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday. Hendy, scoring both goals, one from a penalty, for Navy while Clark scored for Service Corps.

The game was scrappy to begin with, but after about 15 minutes both sides settled down to improved football and some even exchanges resulted. Both sets of forwards, however, were weak in front of the goal and though both sides had scoring chances, the teams crossed over with the score sheet blank.

After the interval, Service Corps monopolised play for the earlier part of the half and a melee in front of the goal found Clark in possession when well-placed, and he made no mistake with a low drive.

Navy, however, were not to be denied and soon equalised through Hendy. A ding-dong struggle ensued and about 10 minutes from time the Navy were awarded a penalty, and Hendy converted to give his side the lead which they maintained till the final whistle sounded.

Teams were:—
Navy: Wood, Britt and Bell; Anderson, Croft and Rhodes; Barber, Le Page, Hendy, Hugheson and Buckin.
R.A.S.C.: Mattison, Hamlin and Biezzard; Smart, Young and Hammond; Walton, Morgan, Clark, Weir and Jones.

RUGBY CAPTAIN AWARDED D.S.O.

G. A. Waller, just awarded the D.S.O., is R.A.F.'s Rugby captain and stand-off half of previous days.

His A.A. Regiment started the Rugby season with a practice game at 800 yunpoo yesterday.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Club seniors are meeting Royal Army Service Corps, Junior Shield champions, in a friendly football game on Club ground this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

The inability of Lee Shek-yau to make any impression on the opposing defence, coupled with his poor shooting, took much of the sting out of South China's attack. Chin Chi-fai was badly shaken in the first half when he collided with Chee Po-wan, and was never very dangerous.

South China did most of the attacking in the first half. Then a breakaway found Hau Ching-to in possession and this player had no difficulty in beating the advancing Tam Kwan-kon.

Just before the interval Ah Q increased the lead through Lau Fook-chuen who sent in a hard drive which was deflected by Chau Man-chi.

Tse Kam-hung scored for South China in the second half. The teams were:—

Ah Q: Ng Ping-chuen; Chee Po-wan and Chung Ping-yuen; Yee Hap-hing, Lau Fook-chuen, Hsu King-seng and Hau Ching-to.

South China: Tam Kwan-kon; Chau Man-chi and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Shek-yau and Lee Tien-ye.

GUNNERS SCORE FIVE AGAINST CLUB

IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, 7TH BATTERY, ROYAL ARTILLERY BEAT CLUB BY 5 GOALS TO 1 AFTER LEADING BY TWO CLEAR GOALS AT THE INTERVAL.

Club forwards were weak in front of goal, and had they taken advantage of the many opportunities that came their way they would have done better.

Upton played a sound game at left back, being the most impressive player on view, while Fallace gave him good support. The intermediate line of Odell, Forrow and Grattan was sound, but the ineffectiveness of their forwards threw a lot of additional work on them.

Gunners were best served by their backs, Lawton and Barnsley, while of the halves Craven, in the pivotal position, did well.

Both Magona and McEwan, the wingers, were fast and Pearce in the first half and Taylor in the second period required watching. Walls was also a dangerous forward.

Wills (2), Pearce, McEwan and Saunders scored for Gunners while Wilson registered Club's only goal, the teams being:—

7th Battery: Whittle, Lawton and Barnsley; Turner (Taylor), Craven and Clarke; Magona, Wills, T. A. Pearce, Coughlan and McEwan.

Club: Bailey, Upton and Fallace; Grattan, Forrow and Odell; Hopkinson, Hynes, Wilson, Bickford and Attwell.

RECREIO BOWLS LEAGUE TEAM

Following is Club de Recreio's team for their Second Division League Bowls match against Kowloon Cricket Club at R.C.C. next Saturday:

L. A. Rosario, H. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip); M. L. da Rosa, E. A. R. Alves, H. R. Pina and A. P. Pereira (skip); E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto, M. A. Carvalho and O. P. Remedios (skip).

The next batch of matches in the Government Inter-Department Lawn Bowls competition will be played on Sunday afternoon at Police Recreation Club, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

Barry, the Manchester City forward, has been transferred on loan to Linfield, via Irish club.

GOLF ITEMS

VALLEY V KOWLOON NEXT BIG GOLFING FIXTURE IN COLONY

THE NEXT FIXTURE ON ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB'S PROGRAMME IS THE MATCH BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY GOLFERS AND KOWLOON GOLF CLUB, WHICH WILL BE PLAYED AT THE VALLEY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Entries for the Championship of the Colony, to be played at Fanling, close on October 20, and the Championship will be decided on October 26, while the Club Championship First Round matches will be played on November 30.

RETRIEVING, abandoned balls from the rough gorse thickets and other golfing graveyards used to be the caddies' perquisite, writes L. V. Manning.

But such venerable caddies as there are have other things to do in their spare hours these days, and as the balls are now badly needed to make up stock I know one professional who goes a-hunting for them—with a tractor!

The name is Alfred Padgham, and he tells me it is proving quite a helpful new revenue.

His richest prospecting is, of course, in the tiger country, where the grass is longer these days of cut stiffs than normally.

100 PER WEEK

"It is surprising what hauls we get," said Alfred. "I have sent off about a hundred to be reconditioned this week. They come back looking like new and are sold at about half price."

The re-covering of golf balls was a healthy business before the war, but not to anything like the extent it is now.

The new ball quota was fixed on a particularly unfavourable period in the winter before last when snow prevented play on most courses for nearly six weeks.

So the rationing makes things particularly hard on professionals who haven't got deep rough or magnetic ponds.

I wonder whether the pond at Wanstead is as costly as it used to be.

At one time over a thousand balls a year found this watery grave—not all of them mine.

ALMOST IDENTICAL

IT'S funny how the golfing paths of Craig Wood and Denny Shute have run together.

Eight years ago they tied for the British Open and Shute won in a play-off.

Two years ago they tied again in the U.S. Open, along with Byron Nelson. Shute lost out in the first play-off and Nelson won the second extra-hole affair.

And this year Wood won the U.S. Open and Shute was second. A few errant shots in the closing holes and Wood would have tied with Shute for the third time in a major championship.

RACKET V CLUB

THE tantalising stillness of a golf ball, as it sits on its tee-peg, leaving everything to the player, has been

advanced as one reason why many find it harder to hit cleanly than a bounding tennis ball, or a scudding cricket ball, alive with spin, writes the "Christian Science Monitor."

Davis Cup player Adrian K. Quist showed on The Lakes course, in a freak match for patriotic funds, that he could clout a golf ball better with a tennis racket than with the orthodox tools designed for that purpose, although he is a fair golfer (par handicapped 10).

On the tees and along the fairways, Quist tossed the ball up and smote it with something between a service and a forehand drive. On the greens he used a putter. His opponent, New South Wales pro champion, Billy Bolger, played with a full set of clubs.

With a strong wind side-on at the 8th (440 yards), Quist reached the green in two eagle strokes. Dead into the wind, he put his tee-serve on the 14th green (182 yards).

Downwind at the 18th (473 yards) his second shot finished close to the green. Quist cannot get that distance with golf clubs.

STRUNG THEM OUT

HIS girl caddy, Miss Nancy Bureleigh, carried five rackets, which proved to be a sufficient allowance for wear and tear on the strings.

Under the conditions of the match, bunkers, rough, and bad lies didn't mean a thing to Quist, because he picked his ball up for each stroke; but he was rarely off the line.

Bolger was surprised to find that a golf ball could be hit so far and accurately with a racket. He had thought that the racket would have to be strung with fencing-wire to send the ball 200 yards.

The weakest part of Quist's game was not his racket play, but when he discarded that stringed instrument and changed to his putter. Bolger, who won 7 and 6, thought that the change from racket to putter affected Quist's touch on the greens.

WOMEN'S SECTION MEETING

The Autumn Meeting of Women's Section of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held its Autumn Meeting at Deep Water Bay yesterday and \$630 was collected for the British War Organisation Fund.

Mrs. Prophet won the Tombstone competition, finishing up on the 17th green. Mrs. Gerondal won the Hidden Spot tourney.

Golf was played throughout the day and in the afternoon there was bridge and mahjong in the Clubhouse.

Prizes were presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Geo. Falconer and Company, the Caravan, Madame Lebon, John D. Hutchison and Company, Dunlop Rubber Company, Mrs. Butlin and members of the Committee.

ARMY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Two Third Round matches in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Championship were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday.

W. A. Reed beat R. Pinder 6-0, 6-1, though the game was much better than the scores would indicate, while in another game S/Sergt. Emberson beat Sergt. Musson 6-4 and 6-1.

RATCLIFFE 29 OUT OF 74 AND 6 FOR 26

Spr. Ratcliffe, Engineers' all-round sportsman, distinguished himself with bat and ball in an inter-company cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, making 29 out of 74 for 22nd Coy., and then going on to take 6 wickets for 26 runs to help dismiss 40th Fortress Coy. for 59, and give his side a 15 runs victory.

Sergt. Shipp took 7 wickets for 24 runs for the losers, for whom Spr. Tropp was top-scorer with 15 runs.

AMATEUR A.A. MEETING

A meeting will be held in the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., at 6.45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, when officers of the proposed Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, to be later affiliated with the English A.A.A., will be elected.

All Clubs, Universities, Colleges and the Services will be circulated and invited to send a delegate to the meeting.

TO-DAY'S BASKETBALL

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Open Basketball League.

V.R.C. v Trojans
Yu Leang v Chinese Y.M.C.A.

MISS P. BERG LIMITS MEN'S EDGE IN GOLF

If any one ever invents a gadget guaranteed to get girls a bit more distance off the tee, then America's top-flight women golfers will be able to compete on even terms with the male stars.

At least, that's the conviction of Miss Patty Berg, red-haired, freckled professional from Minneapolis, recent winner of the Western open golf championship. Patty, who doesn't ask odds from any one on the golf course, had her say while acting as referee in the final match of the first women's inter-collegiate golf championship.

Rates Short Holes Even

"Off the tee, men have a decided advantage," she said, "but the girls can give them a pretty fair tussle the rest of the way. On holes short enough for us to get home with a wood and an iron, we are just as good as the men. They may get close enough to use a long one, but that doesn't bother our better women players."

"Close to the green, and on the putting surface, the girls can make any shot as well as the men, and as a rule the feminine putting touch is better."

The petite professional admitted

that the men, having stronger wrists, hit firmer chip shots than the girls. Most of the women "flick" the shorter ones.

Results About Same

"But most of the girls 'flick' them pretty well," she said, "and the results are about the same as the men get, despite the difference in the method of making the shot."

(Patty 'flicked' one into the cup from eighty yards for an eagle duce at Cincinnati when she beat Miss Betty Jamieson of San Antonio, Texas, in the semi-finals of the women's Western open.)

"I don't say that our better women golfers could do much good in a men's tournament," Miss Berg said, "but give any of our leading players a way to get that ball out there even with the men on the first shot, and you'll see some close matches between the men and the women."

RESUMPTION OF DAVIS CUP?

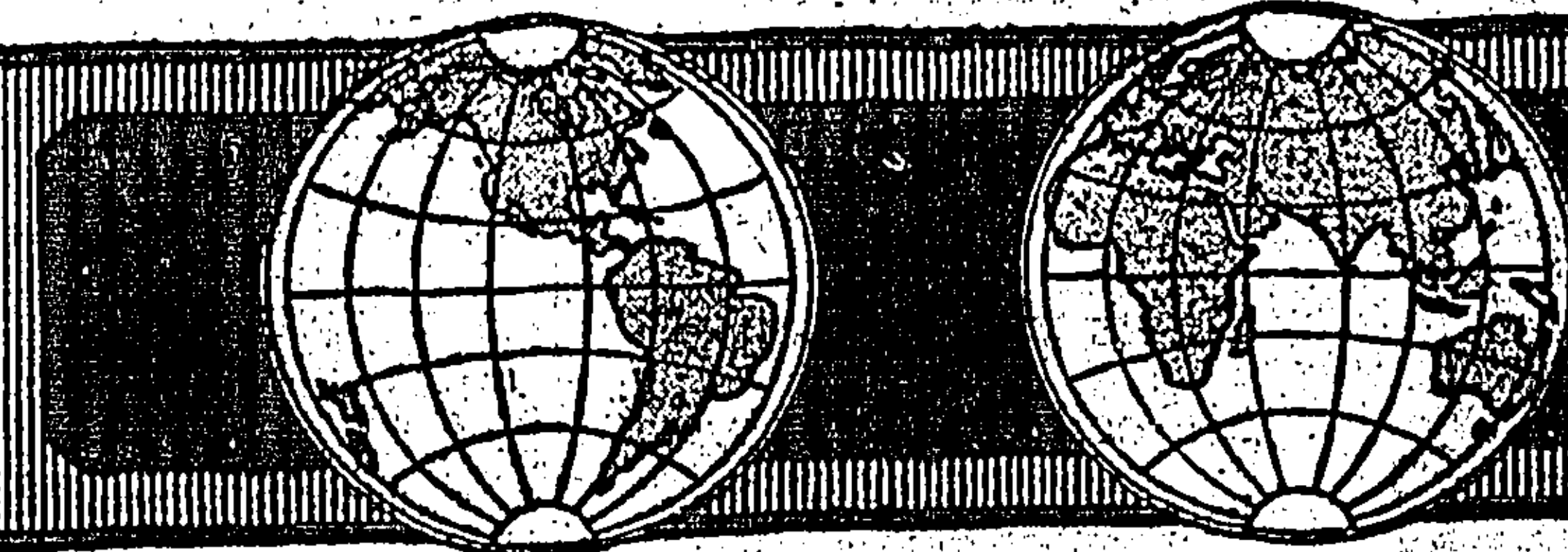
Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, predicts a resumption of Davis Cup tennis next year. Sir Norman based his prediction upon Russia's entry into the war, which he said "assures us of a comparatively early victory."

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The postponed Third Division Lawn Tennis League games between Chinese Recreation Club (2) and Kowloon Indian Tennis Club and Army and Craigengower Cricket Club will be played this afternoon.

C. Richards was severely cautioned by Nottingham stewards and fined £25 for not presenting himself to be weighed-in on Old Folk after he had been placed third by the judge in the Midland Plate.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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FAILURE TO PIVOT
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While some golfers hesitate to make a full body turn for fear of misfitting, it is often this very failure to pivot sufficiently that causes difficulties. By observing the position of the clubhead at the top of the swing, it is often possible to determine a slicing fault. For instance, too restricted a body pivot in the backswing will result in the clubhead pointing to the left of the direction of play instead of parallel to it, the orthodox method.

The result of such a position is that on the clubhead's descent, it will come down in an arc outside the line of play and cut across the ball to the inside. This outside-in impact is a common cause of slicing.

NEXT ARTICLE—
Most Important Golf Hand.



THE EPIC OF ODESSA

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GAYDA GOES ALL LYRICAL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Virginio Gayda, regarded as the official Italian spokesman, yesterday boasted that "suicide boats, such as torpedoed British craft in Gibraltar, will be used to attack American shipping attempting to reach Britain." —International News Service.

AUCHINLECK AT SUEZ

THE BRITISH C-IN-C. MIDDLE EAST, GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINLECK, PAID TWO VISITS TO THE SUEZ CANAL AREA DURING THE WEEK-END.

During an inspection of the docks he boarded a U.S. cargo vessel unloading there.

Later he inspected a battalion of the Rajputana Regiment, took the salute at the march past and lunched with the regiment. He also inspected Rampur Infantry, visited a heavy A.A. battery and talked to Italian prisoners. —Reuter.

Rumanians Suffer Huge Losses

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the heroic defence of the Black Sea port of Odessa was given yesterday in a Tass agency report from the city.

The report says repeated Rumanian attacks were broken up with heavy losses. "In an effort to advance along the entire sector held by the formation of Commander Ivan Petrov the enemy hurled in eight or nine divisions."

"Pressing their advance the Rumanians drove a wedge nearly a mile into our positions, throwing a second large force into the gap to support the first."

"The success of the attack seemed assured but at this point the Soviet artillery came into action."

The despatch described how the guns at point-blank range mowed down the attackers and the attack spent itself. The enemy began to retreat, leaving the valley filled with dead and wounded, one Rumanian battalion being completely annihilated.

"The wedge had been cut off at its base and the front line straightened out. Attempts to break through on other sectors of the front were repulsed everywhere."

Fresh Blow

"In the evening the enemy began to mass large forces in gullies

ready for a fresh blow but no sooner was the attack launched than it met a hail of grenades and machine-gun bullets.

"A detachment commanded by Kovtun repulsed the Rumanians' attack and even advanced at several points."

THE DESPATCH POINTS OUT THAT THE DEFENCE OF ODESSA, WHERE THE FRONT IS SHAPED LIKE A NARROW HORSESHOE WITH THE ENDS RESTING ON THE BLACK SEA, HAS ALREADY LASTED ONE MONTH AND A HALF.

"The names of the gallant defenders are renowned over the whole front," the message adds. "Everyone speaks with deep admiration and affection of Ivan Petrov."

"In the worst moments, when it seems that even the iron will and strongest nerves will give way, this valiant and cool-headed commander appears among the troops bringing with him an atmosphere of courage and serene confidence." —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A collision between a motor-cycle and a military truck occurred at the junction of Jordan and Nathan Roads this morning. The motor-cyclist was thrown heavily, sustaining serious head injuries. In an attempt to avoid the motor-cycle, the Indian driver of the truck suddenly swerved and crashed into the wall at No. 302, Nathan Road. He suffered slight abrasions. Both men have been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

Rajah Brooke has announced the donation of a \$2,000,000 loan free of interest to the British Government and an amnesty to all prisoners with less than a month to serve in celebration of the Centenary. — Reuter.

With most of its cargo taken off, the British vessel which went ashore on Green Island during the typhoon, was refloated this morning. This afternoon the ship steamed into the harbour for its original berth in Taikoo Docks where it was undergoing overhaul before the typhoon.

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GREEK KING ON CONTROL OF THE SEAS

KING GEORGE OF THE HELLENES, BROADCASTING TO GREECE LAST NIGHT FROM LONDON, SAID ANYONE WHO CROSSED THE ATLANTIC MUST BE IMPRESSED BY THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE SEAS EXERCISED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The King added: "He who finds himself to-day in this mighty outpost of civilisation, this impregnable fortress—he who witnesses the steadily increasing strength of Britain and her Allies and the incomparable fortitude of the British people—cannot possibly doubt the certainty of victory." —Reuter.

IRAN'S BREAK WITH THE AXIS

The Iranian Government has recalled its diplomatic representatives from Germany, Italy and Rumania, says Reuter from Teheran.

ROBBER KILLERS

A Chinese trader was shot dead by robbers who raided his hut in Kut-O Village, Shataukok, yesterday morning. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

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